Comparette, Dr. J. L.
1909-1914

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

October 15,1909.

Mr.Bauman L. Belden,

Director Amer.Numis. Society,

New York,N.Y.

My dear Mr.Belden:-Have you ever had occasion to make a photograph or a lantern slide of some of the fine French medals belonging to the Society? I am going to lecture on the subject of the Medal as a Work of Art,dealing chiefly with the medals of the Renaissance,but wish to refer to the work of the modern artsts. For the latter purpose I wish to illustrate some of the works of Coudray,Dupuis,Chaplain et al. but have not the works I want. It occurred to me that perhaps you might have had occasion to illustrate some of them some time and might have a photograph that I could borrow to have a lantern slide made from it.

If you have either of them,the lantern slide or the photograph,I should be very grateful for the loan of it for a few days.

I sent an order to Whitehead and Hoag for a Hudson-Fulton medal,but have heard nothing from them up to date.

Very truly yours,

T. Bonaparte

October 16, 1909.

Dr. T. L. Comparetta,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Dear Dr. Comparette:

Your letter of the 15th instant has just been received. I am sending you, under separate cover, a pamphlet giving illustrations of a number of the French medals, which, I hope, will answer your purpose, there is no particular hurry about its return, though I would like to have it again, when you are through with it.

We have never had photographs made of any of these medals, nor have we any slides.

The Whitehead & Hoag Co. have promised to donate to the Mint one, and possibly two, of the Hudson-Fulton medals, if you do not hear from them in the course of a few days, let me know and I will shake them up, there was a considerable delay in getting the bronze medals out, which may account for their delay in sending them to you.

I enclose herewith the correspondence that I had regarding the medal, which please return at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours

Director.

Philadelphia, Penna.
October 19, 1909.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,

New York, N.Y.

Dear sir:-I thank you very much for the loan of the album of the Paris Mint. It so happened that we had one here but of an older edition. I am very sceptical about those prints making good lantern slides, so much so that I shall hardly attempt it. However I have made other arrangements, have in fact secured specimens enough which what I have will serve very well to illustrate the thing I wish to make clear.

It was very kind of you to write to the Hoag and Whitehead Company, or rather the Whitehead and Hoag Company, in regard to the specimens of the Hudson-Fulton medal for the Cabinet here. Of course I never had the least doubt but that you had written them but I surmised that the Company had staggered at presenting one so I concluded to buy one. I have yet heard nothing from them. But I have no doubt but that a specimen will come along one of these gloomy November days.

I hope that all is well along the Hudson and that you especially are very well.

Very truly yours,

T. K. Comparetti

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

February 26,1910.

My dear Mr.Belden:-

I want to make a request of you. I have no copy of Forrer's Dictionary of Medallists here,a work which I am sure you have at hand. I hope to have it soon. I am anxious to ascertain the dates when some of our national medals were produced, and it occurred to me that very likely the date when the artist produced the various works might be stated in Forrer's Dictionary. For instance will you be so kind as to see if the dates when Furst (is not the name Furst, with umlaut ü ? In all the works at hand it is spelled Furst,) produced the following medals are given?

The congressional medals for James Lawrence,Thomas McDonough, Robert Henry Eagle,Jesse D.Elliot,and Johnston Blakeley. And if under Furst's name the dates when any other congressional medals were issued are given I should be glad to learn them.

Will you also look under ~~Dv~~ Du Vivier's name and see if the date of when he actually made or finished the Washington Before Boston Medal is given? I am pretty sure that those medals as well as Gatteau's Gen.Horatio Gates,and Dupre's Gen. Morgan were made long after the date of their authorization by Congress.

If he does not give the dates when the various medals were produced perhaps Forrer makes some statements when Furst,as well as Gatteau and Dupre and others were engaged on work for the United States,and that would serve to give us termini ante,and post quem. I do mean to ask you to go to the trouble to look up ~~all~~ the information on all these medals,but rather to see if such information can be had from

that work. I will then go to some library and look up the information on all of the specimens.

I thank you in advance for the trouble and I hope that you will make as little trouble of it as possible.

When does the International Exhibition of Medals open? Also how long does it continue? With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

T. L. Comparette

look up this information & reply

Dr. J. L. Comparette,

U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia

Dear Dr Comparette:

Sign Very Sincerely yours with no title

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEW YORK

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THIS SOCIETY WILL

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MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 21, 1910

AT HALF PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK

MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

BAUMAN L. BELDEN,

SECRETARY

THE BUILDING IS OPEN EVERY DAY

February 28, 1910.

Dr. T. L. Comparett,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

I have your letter of February 26th.

The following are the dates when the congressional medals were issued:

Captain James Lawrence	1813
Captain Thomas McDonough	1814
Captain Jesse D. Elliot	1814
Captain Johnston Blakeley	1814

The Forrer Dictionary makes no mention of the medal for Robert Henry Eagle. Moritz Furst, the medallist, was once the engraver at the United States Mint and his dates are 1807-1838 There is much information given about him in the Dictionary.

Neither the Washington Before Boston nor the General Horatic Gates medals are mentioned in the Dictionary. There are two medallists by the name of Gatteaux: Jaques Edouard Gatteaux 1788-1881 and Nicholas Marie Gatteaux 1751-1832, either of which may have made the one of General Horatio Gates. The medal to General Morgan was produced in 1789.

Can you give me any particulars regarding the mint exhibit?

The exhibition opens on March Ninth and

will be open for the remainder of the month. Hoping to see you during that time, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

March 1,1910.

Dear Mr.Belden:

Thank you so much for your letter of the 28th ult. with information in re certain of our national medals. Fuerst was only a special employe of the Mint and I find it next to impossible to discover anything about such people from any records here. The only source I know of is the files of the old numismatic publications.

I fear that Forrer is in error about some of his dates. For instance you quote him as stating that the Lawrence medal was produced in 1813;but the act of Congress authorizing the medal was not passed until January 11,1814! Again,the McDonough medal was not authorized until October 20,1814, and the Blakeley medal November 3,1814; and it is therefore very improbable that Fuerst prepared them that same year,when only one or two months of the year remained. The dates he gives are those of the actions,naval or military,for distinguished conduct in which they were awarded. It is probably almost impossible now to discover the dates when many of these medals were actually executed. Still greater difficulty will attend an investigation into the date when the medals awarded for bravery etc. in the Revolutionary War were made. If Forrer does not state when du Vivier made the Washington before Boston medal,the most important one of the whole group,then it cannot be expected that he would have the dates when he completed the less important pieces,such as the de Fleury,the Howard,and the William Washington medals.

It is very probable that all that group was produced some considerable time after they were authorized.

The Gatteaux that made the medals for the United States was Nicolas Marie G.,without doubt,as he signs himself N.Gatteaux.

You must see how immensely I am trammelled in my work for the want of library facilities.

I expect to see a good deal of the Exhibition. If I can arrange to have some lantern slides made of some of the characteristic pieces I shall discuss the Exhibition before the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia March 21st. I have written to Mr.Huntington in regard to that matter. I might just as well have written to you and perhaps better. What facilities have you for making photographs of things at your rooms there?

Some time next week,perhaps on Friday the 12th,a delegation of Philadelphians will come over to visit the Exhibition. How large the party will be I cannot now state. It is now only forming. It will be a party of exceedingly nice men,the modest cultured gentlemen of Philadelphia,and will include none of the usual crowd that gets daffy over copper cents and pattern pieces. Some of the party will remain over until Saturday,and have already inquired about hotel facilities near the Hispanic Society's buildings.

With very kind regards,I am,

Very truly yours,

F. L. Cornpanetti

3/4/'10.

Dear Mr.Belden:

Is the building of the American Numismatic Society open on Sunday? Also have you or Mr.Pollion any intention to be there next Sunday? I should like to run over and spend a portion of the day there if it is possible to get access to the building, especially to the medals intended for the International Exhibition.

Now, this is not to be construed as a request for you to give up any of your Sunday rest and come down there to assist me. I will not have it that way. But if the place is open on Sunday, and if you intend to be there any part of the day I will run over.

I have a hard problem to solve and want to find some way to a solution as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours.

P.L. Campanella

P.S. Will you kindly wire me at my expense to [illegible] Mt.Vernon St.,Phila.? C/

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

March 8,1910.

My dear Mr.Belden:

I suppose that I owe you an apology even tho my failure to reach New York last Sunday was unavoidable. I had been suffering with a bilious attack for two or three days but took it for granted that as usual it would be over by Saturday evening and that I would be perfectly well by Sunday morning, or at least sufficiently so to make the trip. But on Sunday morning my condition was worse than it had been; and even today I have not recovered my usual health.

I was very sorry that I could not go over. It was such a fine day that a trip over there would have been most delightful. I hope that my telegram sent promptly on seeing that I should not make the trip was received in good time.

There will be a delegation of Philadelphians over next Friday to visit the Exhibition. Just how many will go then I do not now know. Of course the party will not be large. The men who care for such things generally have other interests which they cannot drop at any moment and go. A great deal of interest has been aroused in the Exhibition here and I have had many inquiries about it, many by letter from out of town. I should be glad to call attention to it thro the local press if desired; and especially if an illustration of some of the exhibits could be furnished me to insert. At any rate if you should like to have a 'write-up' appear in some of the Philadelphia papers send me some suggestions and I will look to it.

Very truly yours,

P. L. Comparette

TO THE SECRETARY OF

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DEAR SIR

PLEASE PROPOSE MY NAME AS ANNUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. UPON NOTIFICATION OF MY ELECTION I WILL SEND MY CHECK FOR FIVE (5) DOLLARS

YOURS TRULY.

NAME T. L. Comparette

ADDRESS U.S. Mint, Phila., Pa.

NOTE: THE SUM OF FIFTY (50) DOLLARS PAID AT ANY TIME UPON ELECTION CONSTITUTES A LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER PAYMENTS

May 30, 1910.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,

[illegible]

Philadelphia.

Dear Dr. Comparette:

I am particularly glad to inform you that you have been elected an Associate Member of The American Numismatic Society.

I am sending, under separate cover, a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.

I have intended writing to you ever since my return from Boston, but [illegible] I [illegible] it off, and [illegible] I [illegible] to go on my vacation and have about a million things to get out of the way, and three ways to do it is, that is the reason that I am down here pouring away on a holiday, instead of planting strong beans out in Elizabeth.

When I get back I will try and manage to spend a day in Philadelphia and have a nice long talk with you on the subject of [illegible] and other things.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

June 1, 1910.

My dear Belden:

So you are off for another vacation!! In fact do you do anything but go on vacation and get ready for them? But I am glad to hear that you are doing so; that you are taking life easy in that strenuous old town.

[illegible] this morning. I have a question and a request. Is there a good work on Spanish coinage in the Library of the American Society? And will [illegible] complete will serve my purpose. If you can help me out I shall be very much obliged.

[illegible] now occurs to me for that time.

[illegible] matter, I am, with sincere regards,

Yours truly,

[illegible] Garrette.

P.S. [illegible] on the Thaler?

C.

In Mr. Belden's absence, I am answering the questions in your [illegible] in regard to books and coins. We have [illegible] [illegible]on, in four volumes, and several [illegible] catalogues on [illegible]. [illegible] we have [illegible] Junior-Cabinet and several [illegible]

[illegible] would not loan the books, as it is against our rules. [illegible] however a male catalogue, Collection Discary Montolin, which [illegible] return at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Letter Postal No. 26825 P. O., New York, N. Y.

Received for registration June 21 1900

The American Gaiomatic Co. [illegible]

addressed to T. L. Comparette

Philadelphia Pa.

[illegible] Distribution, per L. F. Nam[illegible]

January 20, 1911.

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[illegible]:

[illegible] Board [illegible] has [illegible]

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Philadelphia, Penna. February 1,1911.

My dear Belden:

Will you be so good as to indicate on the inclosed postal card the address of Mr. Ovide Yencesse, the medallist?

Thank you for your trouble and the kindness.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

February 13,1911.

My dear Mr. Belden:

I am forwarding to you under separate cover four extra numbers of the Journal,namely, Vol.XXX, Nos. 1 and 2, Vol.XXVIII,No.2, and Vol.XLIV, No.3. I am assuming that the Government has no right to these Numbers, that they have been delivered by mistake, and therefore there can be no objection to their being returned to the publishers. Anyhow,since they are duplicates of what we already have, and lying here useless and unprotected will sooner or later find their way into the wastebasket, it is but common sense to send them back where they may become of use in filling out some other incomplete set; and the common sense measures are not in favor with the Government, as a rule, yet they will be digested readily if administered without the knowledge of the patient, like we do, or you married men do, medicine to a howling kid.

I trust you are enjoying your usual health during this term of outrageous weather.

Very truly yours,

T. L. Comparette

February 27, 1911.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,

U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Dear Dr. Comparette:

I am planning to run over to Philadelphia on [illegible] of this [illegible] ([illegible]) and will be at the Mint between ten and eleven o'clock.

Please let me know if this will be convenient to you, [illegible] I am going for is to see you.

I have the best metal that [illegible], and will [illegible] it over with me.

[illegible], I will let you know.

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

February 28/'11

My dear Belden:-

Your Special came to hand last evening when in the midst of a season of yessep with Clapp.

I shall be here Thursday and glad to see you come prepared to make a leisurely visit.

Sincerely yours

H L Comparette

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

March 2, 1911.

My dear Belden:

Inclosed you will find a rather long list of medals of which I should be glad to borrow photographs for a few days. Of course I have here some of the medals mentioned in the list, but if you have the photographs of them and will lend them to me, it will enable me to obviate the unpleasant necessity of taking the medals out of the mint ¢to have the slides made from them.

If you have the whole list I should be glad to get them all, and then can have a chance to change my mind, if I decide to treat certain portions of the theme somewhat differently than I now intend.

Which of the French medallists was that married his model and then she returned the compliment by killing him? I have forgotten. The last I heard of Vernon he was very near his last. Did the last come to him?

Your visit was a mighty pleasant one; e should interchange visits oftener, and also ideas.

I hope to see you Saturday, and shall if my assistant is able to be here. He is pretty sick. But such attacks are apt to pass off quickly, so I am living in hopes that he will be on hand by tomorrow afternoon.

Sincerely

T. L. Comparetti

Philadelphia, Penna.3-6-'11.

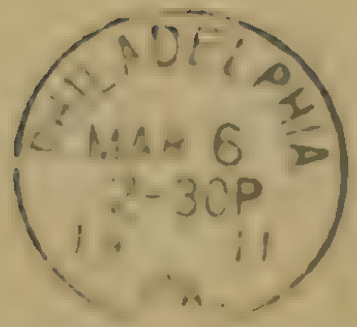
My dear Belden: Will you send one of the catalogues of the Troubetskoy exhibition to Clapp,— Mr.John H. Clapp Jr., 2139, R Street, N.W., Washington. Note the change of his address.

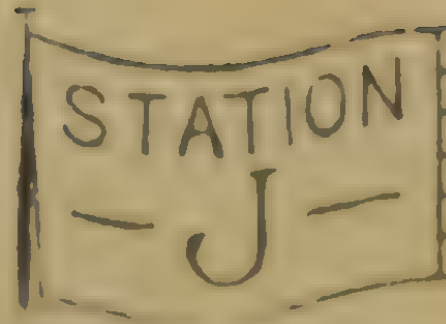
The biographical and critical essay in that catalogue is splendid.

Am hard at work today, and so no time for words.— If there be any charge for those catalogues, let me know. I'd send the postage, but then I know you'd smile at that.------ A letter from Wood this morning. About the Journal. Shall communicate to you later. With kind regards,

Yours truly,

T. L. Comparetta





(THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY)

Mr. Bauman L. Belden Esq.

New York,

N.Y.

C/o Amer. Numismatic Society
156th Street, west of Broadway.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

March 8, 1911.

My dear Belden:

None of the pieces you mention appeal to me. You may have Madame Roty, and Bismarck, and De Witte. The peices ~~xxxxxxx~~ I want you already have.

Now for a little team-work on those fellows. About what percent of the artist's prices have you in mind to offer for what you want? For the Sawyer pieces I am offering about one fourth, in case the six pieces preserve include the Indian heads. For his other pieces I do not care so much. I shall limit my offers to about 10% to 20% of the original prices, not including customs duties. So whatever you do make your offers low, and if low offers come in from all sides, perhaps we will be able to pick up some bargains.

When you want photographs of private coins in the Mint collection, let me know; and I will arrange the matter. Some years ago Adams was over here and photographed nearly all the important coins of that group, and he may yet have the negatives. But they can be had again if desired.

With kind regards, I am, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

F. L. Comparette

[illegible]

My dear Comparetti:

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of these, I will be glad to send it to you.

[illegible] then I will decide [illegible]

[illegible]

With kind regards, I am, [illegible]

Philadelphia, Penna.
March 18, 1911.

Mr. Charles Pryer,

Treasurer Amer. Numismatic Society,

New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Pryer:

Somewhere amid the accumulated papers and other stuff on and in my desk there is a bill from you for two years dues from me as an Associate Member of the A. N. S. The first year was the smal piece of a year of 1910, as I became a member last fall; so that my delinquency is not so bad as it might be.

Herewith I send my check for ten($10.00) dollars and thus square up all obligations.

Very truly yours,

T. L. Comfort

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

March 27, 1911.

My dear Belden:

While in Washington last Saturday I called at the Clapp home and in course of the conversation I learned that the catalogue of the Trowbetakey exhibition had not put in an appearance. It struck me that probably the fault was mine in perhaps giving a wrong address. If you have a copy or copies still on hand I wish you would be so good as to send one to MISS CLAPP, 2139, R Street, N.W., Washington D.C. I do not know the lady's name, but she is a sister of our friend John and will be far more interested in the work than John. For if he were to get it he would probably have to read it and tell him what was in it.

Please stick my card into the title page. My visit to Washington was very fruitful of good results. We will talk it over when next we meet.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

P.S. I hope you received the photographs back safely; and I want to thank you again for the loan of them. Did I swipe any of them? If I didn't, all right; if I did, don't say anything about it. Such things are better not mentioned!!!!

[illegible]

March 31, 1911.

My dear Comparette:-

Many thanks for the card to your lecture next [illegible]

[illegible]

May 10, 1911.

My dear Comparette:-

I am expecting to go over to Denver at Friday [illegible], and stay there until Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, and I will have various conferences with Dr. Harris and others. I wish you would manage to take a trip there at the same time. Think it over and see if you are not in need of a few days vacation after your labors on that catalogue and other things.

If you can't come, and you have any [illegible] ideas on the subject of the Journal, you might elaborate them, and communicate them to me, care Dr. Harris, 70 Federal Street.

Only [illegible] have not been to be in any particular hurry to send us a [illegible] for these medals. I suppose however that he will get around to it in the course of time, and we are not suffering.

With [illegible] regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

June 1st, 1911.

My dear Comments:-

I have not seen anything from you for quite a long time. Hope you are still flourishing, and that the catalogue is coming on well.

You will, no doubt, be pleased to hear that I have gotten my three dollars in good cold cash.

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

June 24, 1911.

My dear Belden:

That letter of yours came to hand some time since; but I was too busy to answer you then. You see we people here have to work for our salaries; we can't loaf from 4:30 P.M. until 9:00 A.M. and then again from 9:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. like certain other people I could mention do. We have to cut out the loafing for one of the periods mentioned, namely the one from 9:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M., and get some work done.

Do you get that $3.00? Are you not ashamed of the job? You certainly ought to be; and for fear you are not properly impressed with the enormity of the deed, I may drop in on you next Monday and administer a necessary lecture on the general topic of ethics, with particular regard to the ethics of PATRIOTISM and of BUSINESS. Unless promptly discouraged there may be some danger lest you enter upon the path of unmoral gains, now so commonly charged to our friend Andrews.

I shall be in New York Monday and may see you. Much will depend upon the brand of weather with which you greet me.

Very sincerely yours,

R. E. Campbell

June 28th, 1911.

My dear Comparette:-

Your letter of June 24th duly received. I also received your card, and am very sorry to have missed you, but when you were here I was very busy catching trout. Of course, if I had known you were coming, before I went away, I would have deferred my trip, and the trout would have been still swimming around waiting for me. I am in for about a half a day and am going back to catch some more trout this afternoon, and as I have a great deal to do, I cannot really take the time to write a really suitable answer to your letter.

I note what you say regarding the three dollars, and of course the comments you make upon that transaction are really actuated by feelings of envy, and therefore do not ~~cut~~ cut any deference whatever.

As to the medals of the Minnehaha, I do not know definitely just what we will be able to do. A good friend of mine is negotiating, and how it will come out, I do not know. Of course, if he should obtain the lot, we could let you have such pieces that you want, provided they were not needed here, at cost price.

I expect to be [illegible] a little more, and by that time will have something definite.

With kind regards, I am,

[illegible]

[illegible] 1911.

[illegible]:

[illegible] to [illegible] my impressions of some of the Moffat [illegible] [illegible] number of Adams' article in the Journal, [illegible] [illegible] would need for [illegible].

[illegible] night, will [illegible] [illegible] to receive a call from Mr. Adams and me? [illegible] [illegible] the next [illegible] if [illegible] [illegible] should [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] to do so, I [illegible] [illegible] to tackle without help.

[illegible] line, and let me know [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] you are well [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

July 29,1911.

My Dear Belden:

The visit of the distinguished pair of rakes mentioned in your letter of the 27th will give me the greatest possible satisfaction, provided nothing regrettable happens to the valuables under my charge while ~~they~~ here. I do wish you would arrange the heavenly visitation toward the end of the period within which you stated that you wished to run over here. That would bring you over here the latter part of next week, and by that time I shall be more at leisure than now or could be in the meantime.

By the way, if you desire to get plaster copies of ~~the~~ certain coins you had better make formal request for the privilege at Washington; for only the Director of the Mint can permit that. Of course I am very certain that it would be promptly allowed and that is why I spoke so assuringly about it.

I am glad to note that you still have enough conscience left to form some slight basis on which to build up a regenerated character - you have not yet spent the three dollars. The hesitancy does you some credit- but not much; for it is only a question of time when it will follow the way of the rest of your institution's graft.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Comparette

July 31st, 1911.

My dear Comparètte:-

I have just received your letter of July 29th, and have, as you suggested, written to the Director of the Mint regarding obtaining the casts. I enclose herewith a copy of my letter.

Providing that I get the desired permission, I will arrange with Mr. Adams to go to the Mint either the last of this week or the first of next, and I would be glad if you would let me know if you expect to be away any day or if I can arrange for any day, say between Friday of this week and Wednesday of next without communicating further with you.

Should there be any objection to taking the wax impressions, would it be necessary to get special permission to make photographs in case Adams should decide to do it that way?

I note the ~~various~~ invidious remarks that you make regarding that Three Dollars, and were it not that I know that your observations are inspired solely by envy of the superior ability displayed in attaining the said Three Dollars, I would feel highly insulted, but as it is I am in the position to be able to regard it with great toleration. My reason for having not as yet spent the said Three Dollars is that I am waiting to get something exceedingly nice, which I can display in a prominent place

and always look at with feelings of satisfaction for my superior sagacity. I am sure that if you ~~[illegible]~~ engineer a deal, which would bring about the same interest and [illegible] results, you would feel greatly elated. Consequently the only reply, that I can make, is to offer you my sympathy, and to [illegible] you a most cordial invitation to come over here and look at the medal that I will buy with that Three Dollars, when I buy it.

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

August 2,1911.

My dear Belden:

If it is just as convenient for you try to arrange your visit for the first of next week; I hope to be a little more at leisure then than now. But of course if suits you very decidedly better to come the latter part of this week, then come ahead. I'll be here, and I am enough for both of you chaps, and don't you forget it. I can do you up in one round- both of you.

Sincerely yours,

T.L.Comparette.

August 4th, 1911.

My Dear Commissioner:-

I have received your letter of August 2nd. The desired permission from the Director of the Mint came to hand this morning. I have just written to Adams asking him to meet me at the Mint on Thursday morning, August 10th, and unless he backs out you will see us at that time.

I would suggest, that if you think you can do us both up in one round, you would better go into training immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

August 14th, 1911.

My dear Comparette:-

It has just occurred to me that you promised to [illegible] me out in one [illegible] when we met over in Philadelphia, and did not do it.

I promised to send you the address of the Duke of Loubat. It is as follows:-

His Excellency J. Florimond,
Duke of Loubat,
58 Rue Duront D'Urville,
[illegible].

I wondered if you had started on your vacation [illegible]. I [illegible] you so far. I am still undecided as to just [illegible] Three Dollars, but will probably decide very soon.

How are you coming out with the catalogue?

[illegible],

August 15th, 1911.

My dear Coparette:-

Mr. Adams was down in here this afternoon, and he informs me that he has come to grief on a couple of the rare impressions, that he took the other day, that he wants to use in the next issue of the Journal. Would it be possible for you to obtain, and want over to me an impression of the obverse, dated 1861, of the finest fifty dollar piece with the inscription on the border, and the obverse of the 1855, Moffat & Company, Double Eagle. If you can help us out with these two, it will save a trip to Philadelphia, and help us also in the time that it will take to get out the next number of the Journal.

Adams thinks you are a fine fellow after all in spite of the way you treated him the last time he was over.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

My dear [illegible]:-

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

When do you start on your vacation? I [illegible]

[illegible] here ever since [illegible]

[illegible],

[illegible] yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

September 6,1911.

My Dear Belden:

Please consult your letter from the Director's office in Washington as to just what you were to be permitted to do in regard to the coins here, that is, the patterns. Did you receive permission from him to take impressions of the coins, or were you allowed only to photograph them. If you got permission to photograph them, then I am in trouble, for I allowed you people to make impressions of them, which is scarcely legal, and as a matter of fact I am inclined to believe that the possession of those casts would come under the counterfeit laws of the country. If your permission was to make photographs and not casts, then please hustle the impressions back to me as soon as possible. You see you exceeded your permission and I should not have allowed it, but I understood that you had permission to make wax impressions. Please look after this matter immediately and inform me at your very earliest convenience. They are raising a howl about it here.

The engraver is hot because I got his men to make those two casts in his absence. Of course there is the crux of the whole matter; but they have it on me techinically.

In case of Mr. Belden's absence will Miss Baldwin call up Mr.Adams and bring the contents of this letter to his at-tention.

Very truly yours,

P. L. Georgianetti

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

September 6, 1911.

My dear Belly:

Just found a copy of the Washington authority. So keep your d - n wax impressions; I don't want them. For once you were right. If you had just xxxxx as good right to that three dollars you secured by hokus pokus, then you might sleep nights.

Yours,

"Compy"

"[illegible]
[illegible] is quite correct."

[illegible], 1911.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

September 20th, 1911.

My dear Comparette:-

As I wrote you at the time you obtained for me the two casts, Adams came to grief on a number of his impressions. He did not realize that it took the wax a considerable time to get really hard, and, as you remember, he had the wax on little pieces of wood, he showed them all in his hand, and the wax not entirely hardened the weight of those on top mangled the impression of those on the bottom. He had us here yesterday, and gave me a list of those, that were spoiled, and which he is desirous of obtaining her impressions, which are as follows:-

J. S. Gresby - $10.00 Obverse - ([illegible])
Massachusetts and California - $5.00 Obverse - (value in wreath)
[illegible] - $10.00 Obverse - (Eagle)
Cincinnatti Mining & Trading Company - $10.00 Reverse
Kellogg & Company - $20.00 - 1854 Obverse and Reverse.
Parsons & Company - $5.00 Reverse (Eagle)

He is also very anxious to obtain plaster impressions of the dies of Moffat & Company and the United States Assay Office - that you showed us when we were in Philadelphia. Will it be possible for us to obtain these impressions or casts without coming to Philadelphia for them ? The number of the Journal, containing his second article, with some of the illustrations, that were obtained from the Mint, has just been printed, and will be distributed in the course of a few days. In the next number he will want to use all those mentioned in this list

[illegible] the [illegible] A [illegible], which will come in later in the Colorado series.

Can you give me the name of the Curator of the Dredge [illegible] in Sill Lake City, is it that it might be Sig, and was it I was get some information about [illegible] of some of the Chinese idea, that was in that [illegible].

When are you coming over in the [illegible]? I have been on the lookout for you for sometime. If you do not come up [illegible] I will come if it is ever in [illegible] in [illegible] way.

I expect to decide very shortly just what to do [illegible] that [illegible].

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

September 21,1911.

My dear Belden:

If I understand your letter of the 20th there is no hurry about the impressions of the half dozen pieces you mention. In that case just let the matter rest a few days and I will see what can be done. I am not so very sure of my grounds. That fellow up stairs got hot about the other impressions made for you. No reason for it in the world. He is in the habit of screwing his subordinates down to the position of abject laborers and raises very hell if any of them breathe without consulting him. He was away and so could not be consulted about making the impressions; so of course Morgan made them- it was only a twenty minutes job - then when Barber returned he sailed into Morgan with hammer and tongs, as soon as he learned about the matter.

I do not believe that Adams' scheme will give satisfactory results anyhow. I believe that it would be better to make the matrix with modeller's wax and then cast the plaster piece at once. The whole process would be very short. That wax he uses is a little too stiff to conform itself to the fine details of the coin.

What about that process of photographing direct from the coin that A. and some other fellow were exploiting some two years ago?

I hope to see you in New York before very long; I'd come over oftener if you had girls over there that were any good; but how can I leave our nice Philadelphia girls for the N.Y. variety!

Sincerely yours,

P. L. Conquest

September 27, 1911.

My dear Commissioner:

I received your letter of September 21st yesterday, and would have answered it immediately but it was here that I was so filled with indignation that the English language was entirely insufficient to express my feelings. But I felt that it was quite necessary to allow at least one night to elapse before I should feel sufficiently cool to address an individual who has the unmitigated cheek to make insinuate that the Philadelphia girls can compare with those of New York, and that to say that the New York girls are actually inferior! Such a statement shows a lack of manners or, if not manners, that the only way to describe it is to say it shows the weight of a mind express contempt! Still I must in charity, at the same time, accept the accurate "result" that you quite was simply the result of ignorance.

[illegible] that you have to be with the most [illegible]

[illegible] a remarkable resemblance of the [illegible]

[illegible] at here that you had [illegible]

to be [illegible]

I [illegible] that part of the information that he [illegible], the one that he seems so lightly used for this purpose of [illegible]. Still I have here of the opinion that in your pale [illegible], and take the most reasonable, [illegible] as well [illegible] your work. [illegible] I have not [illegible] I have [illegible] have [illegible] in [illegible] on the subject. I intend to try to [illegible] it some day, and see what I can make out of it. I enclose a copy of the plate in the next letter, which will show that we got some really good [illegible], this number is all [illegible] and will remain a copy in the [illegible].

If I can [illegible] while in my way by [illegible] over to Philadelphia, please let me know. I think, however, that the diplomatic Mr. Commissioner will be able to convince me the impossibility in the issue of the problem of the [illegible] flower, and that every thing will be lovely — except, of course, the Philadelphia girls.

I suppose you will get this on Sunday morning, and expect you will begin your investigations of the New York girls not later than Tuesday.

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

November 4, 1911.

My dear Belden:-

Will you please let me know if you have any medals by Ponscarme, the french medalist and father of the present day movement in medallic excellence? Then if you have any, have you any photographs of them or can you procure me such without too great cost?

Please let me have what you have, and can tell me on Ponscarme at early convenience as I am plugging up for the Chicago splavacation and must get my material together as soon as possible.

I will now have the casts made you requested, as the people up stairs are again in good humor. I was looking this morning for your letter stating what you wanted, but did not find it; perhaps or rather probably I will run across it when I have more time to search for it. But it might be well for you to make sure and have no delay by sending another copy of the list if you have it handy.

What do you know? Any more than you ever did? I had expected to see you before this time over here. But I suppose you fellows hate to think of the name Philadelphia, let alone coming over here these days. If I lived in a town that had such a rotten poor baseball team as your Giants showed themselves to be, I, too, would keep pretty still. My, wasn't that awful!! I really felt sorry for the poor cusses. I did any wonder they were transformed from Giants into Glooms - for glooms they were to be sure.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Comparetti

November 6th, 1911.

My dear Comparette:-

I was very glad to receive your letter of November 4th, which came to hand this morning, and to hear that you will be able to let us have the casts. I find that those for which I wrote on September 20th are as follows:-

J. S. Orsay - $10.00		Obverse - (J. S. O.)
Massachusetts and California - $5.00		Obverse - (Value in wreath)
Kinney's Bank - $10.00		Reverse - (Eagle)
Cincinnati Mining & Trading Company - $10.00		Reverse
Kellogg & Company - $10.00	1854	Obverse and Reverse.
Parsons & Company - $5.00		Reverse (Eagle)

Also we would like to obtain plaster impressions of the dies of Moffat & Company and the United States Assay Office, that you showed us when we were in Philadelphia.

I have invested that Three Dollars to very good advantage, and will show you what I obtained for it the next time you are here. I have yet to doubt whether to record it as a donation from the distinguished Dr. Comparette, or simply as an ordinary every day purchase.

As regards results by Shoemaker, I will look up the matter and see if there is anything I can get for you and let you know. Thank

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

have the portrait [illegible]

[illegible]

I supposed that you people in Philadelphia [illegible] all get swelled heads on account of that ball game, and [illegible] a deed of charity to give Philadelphia something to crow [illegible] a century.

Our good friend, Mr. Hills, has been ve[illegible] [illegible] very glad to say that he is [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[V]ery si[ncerely yours,]

November 21st, 1911.

My dear Comparetts:-

How about those casts? I would be glad if [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] let me know about how soon you will be able to [illegible] [illegible] we are holding [illegible] the next number of the Journal for some of the illustrations.

I suppose by this time you have sufficiently [illegible] over the [illegible] [illegible] by that famous [illegible] [illegible], and so are [illegible] getting into condition to [illegible] other things. Why don't you come over here and see us. I have been on the lookout for you for so long that I have nearly worn out a my glass, and if you don't come pretty soon I will have to get another.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible], [illegible].

My dear Comparette:-

I [illegible] portrait plaque of Fonscarme by Yencesse, which is an interesting thing, and which I could send you if you want it. It seems rather curious that, [illegible] where we have but little opportunity to make selection [illegible].

I hope you will excuse this very [illegible] sure that if you knew what a rush of things came all [illegible] at it.

With kind regards, and hoping [illegible] very long, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

November 28, 1911.

Dear Belden:-

It is with deep regret that I must inform you that I have been unable to get the cards you desired. The Superintendent's office promised them to me once, as I wrote you, but apparently without taking into account the individual that directs the misfortunes of the Engraving Department. Barber refused to make them, on the ground that it is "private work"; which is the veriest rot.

His shop has the most unsavory reputation on that very score, and his present action is only to advertise a virtue where, if all accounts be true, there has existed in the past the worst of vices. I do not but know how to help you. Should be glad to do so if I could; but I have coerced these chaps so often, that I dislike to incur the usual trouble to continue the business.

Thank you for telling me that had nothing of Sonscarme. That helped me a lot; had I learned afterwards that you had one, I should have been certified that I did not get an illustration of it.

Tomorrow I strike for the West for a brief vacation; shall be back within a week. Expect to visit Chgo., make spiel there, and drink with the boys.

Sincerely yours,

N. L. Campanette.

[illegible]

My dear Comparette:-

[illegible] on the Publication of the Journal [illegible] ciety. If you have any obje[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

December 7th, 1911.

My dear Comparette:-

I did not answer your letter of November 28th immediately, as you wrote you were going away for a week. I presume you are back by this time, and I hope you had a very pleasant trip, and that your talk in Chicago was greeted with lots of applause and not cold storage eggs.

I am awfully sorry about the slip up on the casts, but it can't be helped. I suppose the only thing for us to do is to take a trip over to Philadelphia and get some new impressions. I will arrange with Grace about it the first opportunity. In the meantime, I would be glad to know if you are back again, and if it will be convenient for us to come over any time we can arrange to do so. Also if it would be as well if Grace should go over without me. I want to get over to Philadelphia some time before long, but I be a little busy just now. Of course, I may decide to go over with her any day, and try and work in a little other business. If you think it would be better for me to be there, why of course I will come.

With kind regards, and hoping to see you in New York soon,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

December 9, 1911.

My dear Holiness:

Hope springs eternal in the human breast,
"Man never is, but always to be, blest", which means that I now believe that you will get the casts without the cost of a trip to Philadelphia. Just get back to us desk this morning and found your letter, took the matter up again immediately with the chief clerk, and he will try to beat this ass into some sort of action, and if that fails, I shall procure the necessary materials to try my own hand at the business, and when all such efforts fail you will be informed. These operations will be over with by Monday next when I shall either forward you the desired casts or let you know that you will have to wait after them. It is a shame to put you to that expense, as it is not even a half-hour's job to make them.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Campbell

December [illegible], 1921.

My dear Commissioner:-

[illegible] even if you do call from Philadelphia!

I have just received your letter of December [illegible], and feel very much elated in consequence. I hope things will come along all right now, and that the [illegible] will come [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] to come in just after I received your letter, and I informed [illegible] [illegible] very [illegible].

We are [illegible] to see you [illegible] very long. It [illegible] that [illegible] New York has [illegible] subscription for a pretty long time, and that it is nearly time for you to show yourself here.

I have been very busy for quite a while [illegible] some of our exhibits and various other things. I think we are getting it in very good order.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible], 1911.

My dear Cornette:-

[illegible] just received. [illegible] casts are coming, and that I will [illegible] just [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

December 18th, 1911.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1111.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

February 12, 1912.

My Dear Belden:-

Is anybody preparing a review of the revised edition of the Catalogue of the International Exhibition of Medals? If not, let me know at once and I will try to prepare a notice of some sort for insertion in the next Number of the Journal, if there is yet time for it.

I have been in your town once or twice of late, but had no time to get out to your little art shop. How are you getting along, anyhow?

Very sincerely yours,

P. L. Compantte

February 14th, 1912.

My dear Comparette:-

I have your letter of February 12th, and I will let you know in the course of a few days regarding a review of the revised edition of the catalogue.

So you have been in New York several times lately without coming up here. It strikes me that that is all wrong, and I will have to have an argument on that subject the next time I see you. It should be distinctly understood that when you come to New York the first place for you to come should be here where we are always ready to teach you Philadelphia people something, and incidently to provide a small dose of clam chowder or something of the kind at the proper hour, so don't let it occur again.

I was over in Harrisburg in the middle of last month, and spent a couple of hours in the State library looking over "Uncle Joe's" stuff. He certainly had a pile of nice things, and I think the collection, where it is, will do some good, and not be buried as most collections that are given to Institutions of that kind.

Adams and I are thinking of making another trip over to Philadelphia before long to get some more things to illustrate. Adams did not have very good luck with the casts that you sent over. I will write you further about that later.

Since the annual meeting we have had donations amount-

[illegible] pretty well for a little over three weeks. [illegible] all through the year. [illegible] little after all.

[illegible] us soon.

Very sincerely yours,

February 19th, 1912.

My dear Comparette:-

Mr. Adams and I will run over to Philadelphia next Monday, February 26th, and will be at the Mint soon after ten o'clock, if this will be convenient to you. Mr. Adams will bring over his wax and get the printing impressions that we need.

Please drop me a line as soon as convenient, and let me know if this will be satisfactory to you, so that I can send word to Mr. Adams.

We had an interesting meeting on Saturday, and had a few coins on exhibition that you can't show in your little coin shop on Spring Garden Street.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

Dear [illegible]-

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

February 26th, 1912.

My dear Comparette:-

As I have still heard nothing from the Director of the Mint, we will again put off our trip to Philadelphia, and if I get word either to-morrow or Wednesday we will come over Thursday, February 29th. I certainly expected to have a letter to-day but it did not come. If you have received any word regarding the matter, I would be very glad if you would let me know. I hope that we will be able to get this out of the way this week, and unless we can go Thursday we will have to put it off till next week, as Mr. Adams cannot leave the city either Friday or Saturday.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

My dear Corporate:

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you will find that [illegible]

We will expect to [illegible]

[illegible]

March 11th, 1912.

My dear [illegible]:-

I [illegible] some cards for our meeting of March 16th, [illegible] a possible thing. I am especially [illegible]. I [illegible] of extra cards, [illegible] of the meeting, [illegible] time.

[illegible]

[illegible], I am,

[illegible] yours,

Philadelphia, Penna,
March 16, 1912.

Dear Sir:

Owing to heavy work for engagements already made I find that it will be impossible to address the American Numismatic Society at the time you mention.

Just now I am very busy with a course of lectures at the Penna.

Academy of the Fine Arts,
a course which will con-
tinue weekly until the
latter part of April.

The subject you mention
too is one I do not pre-
fers to know. Proper signatures
on American medals, or
rather False signatures is
one I have paid some at-
tention etc.

Sincerely yours
F. L. Comparette

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

June 13, 1912.

My Dear Belden:-

Here is a favor - not for you, but to be asked from you. You people have been using the small pasteboard individual coin-trays, and I have no doubt that you have a number of them on hand. What I want is some samples, just two or three. The Director will be here within a day or so and I want to show him how I want to prepare the Guide Book, that is now on the ways. Can you spare me just about three, of different sizes, suitable for the Dollar, for the Quarter and Half-dollar? If so, I'd like 'em as quickly as possible, as he may come along any day now. Whitehead and Hoag would have to prepare specimens, and that would require longer than I may have to spare.

Thanking you in advance for the favor, I am,

Very truly yours,

T. L. Comparetti

June 14th, 1913.

My dear Comparette:-

Your letter of June 13th has just been received, and I am sending you, under separate cover, a few of the coin boxes. You will notice that some of them have a white label on top and a couple of them have not. We had some made in that way with the idea of pasting on a printed label. I trust that these will arrive in good shape and will answer your purpose, and I am exceedingly glad to have an opportunity to do, as you say, a favor, as in most cases it has been the other way so far. I am still wondering when we will see you up here.

Very sincerely yours,

June 22nd, 1912.

My dear Comparette:-

Your letter of June 18th came duly to hand, and I am glad to hear that the boxes answered your purpose. We have several other sizes, but I judged from your letter that those that I sent would be all that you wanted.

I will send you a bill for the Journal before long.

I expect to run over to Philadelphia for the Earle sale on the 27th, as I see that the things that interest me will come up on that day. I think I will go directly to the Mint and see you about ten o'clock in the morning, and then I will go around and take a look at the stuff, which I see is to be on exhibition until twelve, that is, of course, if you expect to be on hand at that time. If not, I will go and look at the things as soon as I get to Philadelphia and see you later. I will go over on the P. & P. train, which reaches Philadelphia about ten minites before ten.

As to the trout (I am not going after either sun-fish or suckers) I have decided to let them wait for me until the following week. They will, no doubt, be dissappointed, but I can't help it. I hope that the delay will give them time to accumulate a little additional appetite.

Very sincerely yours,

August 1st, 1912.

My dear Comparette:-

A friend of mine has just informed me that there was an article in a New York paper several weeks ago to the effect that you had resigned your position as curator at the Mint. Is there any truth in it, or is it simply a newspaper yarn? The article in question according to my informer must have been published while I was away in the country where I saw very few newspapers. It has occurred to me that possibly my friend may have gotten mixed up with the account of Andrew's resignation from the Treasury Department, and as he did not have a copy of the paper but was simply giving it to me as he remembered it, it is possible that this might be the case. I am sure for the sake of the Mint I hope it is.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

August 2,1912.

My Dear Belden:-

Still on the job!! People living in New York or doing business there have surely got their wires crossed. The most of them are unable to distinguish between a policeman and a gambler; with the result that the policemen are the gamblers over there and the gamblers have in hand the police functions. I heard of a man the other day who tried to seduce the Goddess of Liberty and at the same time was trying to place his handsome bride in a convent to preserve her chastity.

It must have been the Andrew smoke your friend saw and none of my fire. And what a smoke Andrew blew up when MacVeagh blew him out! He certainly put himself in a most unfavorable light, especially when he drove the Secretary to explain matters.

How many bull-heads did you get on that fishing trip? As to suckers, I suspect there was not more than one along the stream and it would not be hard to guess on which side of the water-line he stayed for the most of the time.

I wish you would send me a bit of literature of the Amer. Soc. which would explain the courtesies and favors and returns that Associate members of that organization are supposed to get in return for their five big round "bucks" duly rolled in about once a year. I must find out where I am at.

Very sincerely yours,

P. L. Comparetti

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

August 15, 1912.

My Dear Belden-

Have you on hand any of the bulletins published by your society giving the proceedings of a symposium on the Pioneer or Private Gold Dollars which was held at the Society's rooms sometime last winter? You sent me a copy of course, but I have misplaced it and now I wish very much to consult it. If you have any copies left I should indeed be very much obliged if you would kindly forward me one of them.

How are you these fine(?) days? Are you not a little fearful in our daily over to much a combination of [illegible] and [illegible] as New York? If I had business in New York, do you know what I'd do? I'd transfer it to Hoboken.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

W. L. Comparetti

August 17th, 1912.

My dear Comparette:-

Your letter of August 15th at hand, and I am sending you herewith a couple of copies of the bulletin requested.

I have been away most of the time since the first of the month, which is the reason that I did not reply to your last letter. I was very glad to hear that you were "still on the job."

I do not wonder that the inhabitants of that sleepy old place where you hang out are a little upset when they get over here to New York where we are in the habit of doing things, and doing them in an energetic and thorough manner. As for the Sodom and Gomarrah business, the only difference between New York and Philadelphia is that over there you are too sleepy to find out anything about it, while here we get on our hind legs and stir things up. You need not be alarmed however, when you come to New York as they would not be likely to do anything worse than scooping you in for a suspicious character. If, however, you make a rapid sprint from the ferry over to the subway and come directly up here, I think we will be able to take care of you, and keep you from being hurt.

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

October 10, 1912.

My Dear Belden:-

Will you please ~~xx~~ quote to Miss Mary M.O'Reilly, Bureau of the Mint, Washington, D.C., the price or prices of Vernon's Lea Communicantes? Also please inform her if the work can be had in bronze. If you will, you might at the same time inform her how a copy of the medal might be secured.

How are you these fine October days, anyhow? Have you been up stream in pursuit of bull-heads and sunfish? What is the report I heard the other day about there being a baseball team in New York? Is it true? Or is it one of the numerous bits of brag that one is always hearing from that old town of yours? According ~~xxx~~ to the tale I heard, a tale that is probably pure fiction, your new "nine" had developed the usual rural cockiness and was about to attempt a break into fast company by trying to play the Boston champions. I hardly believe it, but then the fabrication is so much like one often hears coming out of that place. Before trying to break a lance with such a lot of invincibles as the Beanwaters, I suggest that your callow aggregation first run over to old Phila. and play a few games with Bryn Mawr college, or with the Agents School for girls, just to learn the rules of the game and get used to performing before a large crowd - so they won't get stage fright when they run up against the real stuff in baseball.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Comparette

October 11th, 1912.

My dear Comparette:-

Your letter of October 10th has just been received, and I have sent to Miss O'Reilly the information desired.

I presume you have read in last night's papers, or perhaps, considering that you are in Philadelphia which is usually somewhat behind the times, this morning's papers that there was a ball game yesterday in Boston, and that the team from this village was not altogether left behind by the Boston crowd, and I think before you go up in the air on that subject, and make such invidious remarks regarding things in New York, it would be better for you people in Philadelphia to wake up and shake yourselves, and try and do a little something on your own count. I know, of course, it would take a very violent earthquake to wake up Philadelphia, but it would not do you any harm to come over to New York once in awhile and see how things are done, and get a few points which would be useful.

I have not been up any streams looking for bull-heads and sun-fish, as pleasant as that would be in this delightful October weather. I have thought some of taking a little trip to the wilds of Philadelphia, and enjoying the restful quietness of that exceedingly sleepy locality, but having plenty of good lively occupation over here, I have not felt like taking the time to rest in that way, though I may arrange to do it a little later.

You have been threatening to come over here for quite a number of months, but as yet I have not seen anything of you. I think it would do you good to witness a little New York activity, and I will be glad to see you sometime in the near future. In the meantime do not go chasing after any of those Philadelphia girls until you can come over to New York and see the real article, and then you will not want to.

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

December 12, 1912.

My Dear Belden:-

Send some A.N.S. literature, anything you may happen to have, and a membership blank to Mr. Ambrose Swasey, C/o Warner & Swasey Co., Cleveland, Ohio, and I think the chances are about seventeen out of twelve that you will get a good new member for a Xmas present. He was here yesterday, and I put up an awful tale about the superiority of the society, the efficiency and obligingness of the Director, the good looks of the Curatoress, and the splendor of the buildings, and the high character of its membership: - I am not expecting anything from Santa Claus now, for they do say he has it in for fibbers.

Busy as the d - l; a rividerci, and if not before la fete de Noel, then a merry one to you indeed.

Very truly yours,

P. L. Campbell

December 13th, 1912.

My dear Comparette:-

Much obliged for your letter of December 12th. I have sent a Constitution and the last Proceedings and an associate membership blank and a short letter to Mr. Swasey, and trust that he will respond.

Are you coming over to see the Cariati exhibition ? Mr. Cariati has some coin designs here that might interest you people down there in the Mint. I am sending you a catalogue under separate cover. It isn't much of a catalogue, but it may make Mr. Cariati feel better than if we had no catalogue at all

You speak of our Curatoress, which would is a sort of a new invention, and it so happens that for some months we have neither curator nor curatoress with the result that I have had considerable extra work to do, and have considerable work, which ought to have been done, left undone. I hope however, that in the course of time that that rather important office may again have an occupant.

I trust that Santa Claus will visit you in good season and bring you a leather medal, and anything else that you may happen to want, and incidentally that the season may be as merry for you as it ought to be and a little more so.

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

February 17, 1913.

My Dear Belden: -

Vale! Old Roman! How are you? And, pray tell me, why have I not heard from you for so long?

Important question: can you find among your numismatic books a wood-cut of the "first dollar", the Tyrol Guldengroschen of 1486? and also a wood-cut of the Joachimsthaler? I want to illustrate them with line-engravings and must have either a pen-and-ink sketch or a wood-cut from which a line engraving can be made. The pen-and-ink sketch would cost money, and that is something we do not have here, you know. I have secured all my needs except cuts of those two coins. Can you help me out?

Congratulations on getting Todd's services. I was afraid that you might sometime get the wrong man in there; but I did not know that you were after anybody just now.

Very sincerely yours,

F. K. Countess

February 25th, 1912.

My dear Comparette:-

I have been away for a couple of days or would have written to you sooner. I have been unable to find any really satisfactory line illustrations of the coins. I find them on an old copper plate engraving in a book that we have here, but it seems to me that the engraving is rather too bad to use as it does not look as much like the coin as it should, ~~and~~ you give the date that you want as 1482, which is the one with the standing figure; the one with the bust only is 1481 and it is the one illustrated. Of course, it is easy enough to get a half-tone, but I judge from what you say that a half-tone would not help you at all. I will ask Frey the next time I see him if he has anything of this kind as he has a good deal of material relating to these old European silver coins. The illustration that we have is in a book published in 1883.

We expect to have Wood here the last of this week, and I think he will prove a decided acquisition. I will be very glad as I have been getting along by myself about as long as I want to.

Our good friend, Dr. Marvin, died yesterday afternoon, for which I am very sorry as I knew him very well and thought a great deal of him. He will most certainly be very much missed.

When are you coming over to New York ? I have been looking out for you very intently for the last year or more, and I am afraid if I have to keep on looking very much longer I will get a stiff neck. I may possibly go over to Philadelphia some day before long, and endeavor to reason a little with you on the subject. I suppose you stayed so long in that sleepy old town you find it hard to get up sufficient energy to come over here and dodge automobiles and other things, but you ought to get over here now and then where things are lively, and see if they would not wake you up a little. In the meantime I hope you will be real good, and if you find that utterly impossible be as good as you can.

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

February 27, 1913.

My Dear Belden:-

Your letter is just at hand and I note your statement in explanation of the delayed reply - namely, that you have been out of the city (slipped a cog, sure!). The explanation is most sincerely accepted; none better could have been given. I do not blame you in the least for getting away from New York and remaining away as long as possible. The really attractive feature about that city are its splendid facilities for getting out of it!!

Where can I get a set of Sawyer's Indian Medals? If possible, please inform me on the where and the how much - to secure them. Should like them soon. If that fellow knew what he is about he would place most of them here, and let me mark them so that it would be understood that they are for sale.

Thank you in advance for the trouble.

Very sincerely yours,

P. L. Crompton

March 8th, 1913.

My dear Comparette:-

I enclose a couple of extra cards for our meeting on Saturday. I understand that there are some good things in the way of New York Colonials in Philadelphia, and it occurred to me that you might possibly be able to interest some of the possessors of such good things to come over and see us.

With kind regards, and hoping that you will get over to New York before long, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

March 8th, 1913.

My dear Comparette:-

I received your letter of February 27th sometime ago. The invidious remarks that you made regarding New York are not worthy of notice. Of course, we all know that they are inspired by pure envy.

Write Sawyer about his Indian medallions. His address is 8 Rue Falguire, Paris, France. He has been making a series of thirty medallions, which I believe is to cost three hundred dollars. You can tell him that you are writing at my suggestions, as he and I are pretty good friends.

Very sincerely yours,

P. S. Mr. Sawyer's full name is Edward A. Sawyer.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

April 12, 1913.

My Dear Belden: -

Just as I was about to begin a letter to you in plumps the card from you announcing the meeting for next Saturday. I may be there, and certainly should try to be if the proposed subject were more to my liking. Why do you people never have a séance on some of the antique issues? I believe that if some programs were conducted on Greek or Roman coins, you would get some interest in that "cadaver you are directing". You will observe my quotation marks, and with the assurance that the quotation is from one of your own members; just as your swearing at home and do not pollute Philadelphia's pure atmosphere.

But - I had forgot what I was going to write that letter about. I want to use your library for a while at some early date. What are the rights of my sort of members therein? Have we any rights except to be abused by the crabbed and cockey Director from time to time?

Next Thursday, or thereabout, I go to Washington, and may remain there a few days to work in the Library of Congress; but I do not expect to find there the works, especially the files of the Journals, I need, so am planning to reach New York as soon as possible, clean out you and Wood and get possession of the library. If you have no objections to this program, please let me know.

Also, do you know of a fairly respectable place in the neighborhood where a man can find lodging at Phila. prices? In addition to lodging I do not care what else may be thrown in, provided it is good.

With my usually kind regards for your lovable old self, and a compliment to Wood, I am, believe me,

Yours truly,

P. L. Compton

April 14th, 1913.

My dear Comparette:-

Your letter of April 12th has just been received. As for the "cadaver" that I am directing, all that I can say is that it is a pretty lively corpse, and any swearing on the subject, either here or in Philadelphia, we do not have time to swear here, and nobody living could swear loud enough to wake up anything in Philadelphia.

As regards a programme on Greek or Roman coins, I suppose that when you received the notice of the meeting of April 1912 you only woke up long enough to read the first line and did not get as far as the topic.

I am glad that you are coming to New York for a while, when you want to learn anything you have to come here! The library is at your service any time, and for as long a time as you want to use it. The "crabbed and cockey Director" will do his best to keep you in order while you are here.

I do not know anything about Philadelphia prices. I think, however, that we can find some place in the neighborhood where you can get reasonable accommodation. Wood is in Boston to-day. When he gets back I will have him see if there is a vacant corner in his boarding house, If nothing better can be done, there is a hotel nearby which is reasonable, and plenty more, not so near, of all kinds and prices.

I hope you will get over in time for our meeting. I think you will find it interesting even though the topic is not ancient.

If you expect to clean out Wood and us and get possession of the whole establishment, you will have a lively time of it. We will be ready for you at any time, and, when we get through with you, you will be able to deliver a lecture before your sleepy old Philadelphia society on the vigor and energy of New York nationalists! Let us know when you are coming, and we will have a few war ships at the foot of the street to fire a salute.

In the meantime be as good as you can, do not work too hard at the Congressional Library as you will need all your energy to make any kind of a showing when you get here.

Very sincerely,

My Dear Belden:-

Please pardon my failure to reach the meeting Saturday as I certainly expected to do, especially since you were so good as to make the invitation somewhat particular. I was in Washington, called down there on business, and was detained longer than I had expected to be. It was nearly 2:00 o'clock Saturday when the object of my mission was finally completed. I should have been glad to see the exhibition of oriental coins and hear Wood splavicate about them.

By the way, you will be interested to learn that the Library of Congress now possesses a really fine collection of numismatic books - sufficient for effective research work. The all but complete files of all the important journals are to be found there now, and the number of special treatises is very large. The vast amount of the historical literature, including nearly all the publications of the 16th and 17th centuries, mostly in Latin of course, is most gratifying. And best of all they are still buying. Four years ago I could have carried in a wheel-barrow every book the Library possessed on the subject. I made a big kick about it and they asked me for a bibliography, which they got. They have purchased nearly all of the list! Then, besides they have all the great Corpora and similar helps that only a large library can afford. Within a few years the L. of C. will become the place, besides the

A.N.S. rooms, for such research work. I am thinking of returning to Wash. next week for some special work I have on hand. Unless they are encouraged one cannot expect the progressive development of that section to continue.

I would venture to suggest that at some of your monthly meetings you try symposiums on the subjects of GREAT COLLECTORS, past and present; and also on NUMISMATIC LITERATURE. So many of our American collectors do not read much or carefully and do not realize how great importance the subject has assumed in times past.

With kind regards to all of you, big and little, I am, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

May 12th, 1913.

My dear Comparetti:-

We have been expecting you over here for sometime, and I hope that you have not been doing so much work in Washington that you will have to cut short your intended visit to New York. It is quite necessary for you Philadelphia people to get over here now and then to get waked up.

I was very sorry you could not get over to our meeting. It was most interesting, as usual. Why don't you bring the whole Philadelphia Society over here some time, and let us show them something.

I would suggest that you come over as soon as you get this because after reading over the letter that I am enclosing herewith, you will, no doubt, want to make a contribution that will be so large that the best way to bring it over will be to carry it.

Wood desires to be remembered. He and I have been quite disconsolate for some time over your non-arrival.

Hoping to see you not later than the day after tomorrow, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

My Dear Belden:-

That measley letter of yours is just in hand, the one begging Philadelphia for some assistance to New York. It is worth noticing that when New York gets into trouble and requires money she comes to Philadelphia for it; and when they get cockey and their baseball teams need a trounsing to make them understand just who and what they are, they come to Philadelphia for it and they get it too.

Yes, I have been planning to come New York soon. I have in mind to arrange a base-ball game between an all-New York team and an aggregation of players selected from the girls' schools at Bryn Mawr. I believe the girls would play if assured of a team from New York worthy their metal.

I hope you will get that $10,000; for you certainly need it to get you some Civil War Tokens; so visitors will have something to look at when they have taken the day's journey out to your nick o' woods. We Philadelphia people will stand apart for a little while and see what you Gothamites can do in the matter and when your hopes are declining we will extend our puissant hand and do the job, and do it right.

I suppose you will be on hand at some of the fourteen days'x sales this month and buy some trinkets for your junk-shop. The clans (or vultures) are here today gorging themselves on the remains of the late Mr. Steigerwalt. As you have already noted it is a veritable trash-pile - a dealer's delight.

Pressure of work has prevented me from continuing my work in Washington; and the result may be that you will be bothered by me yet a lot one of these fine times this spring. We now have in press a Guide Book of the collection. It will be a small form 12° of about 130 pages, with some introductory matter here and there, and will be sold for the small price of ten cents. I rather expect a large sale of the little book, as hundreds of visitors desire something in the way of a memento of their visit. And if the sales reach the figures one can naturally expect, I am inclined to believe that it will do a good deal to make ~~the good~~ people acquainted with the value of the subject and thus contribute not a little to better things in the future.

A second edition of the Catalogue will soon appear, and there are orders on hand now to exhaust the edition at once; a third edition will be brought out as soon as the Democrats impose some restraint upon their talk-fire in Congress, so that the print-shop can get a chance to do the work for us. So, there is some demand for numismatic works in the country, if one can get them published. But I find that publishers are very fearful of such works and do not want to allow the author anything for his share of the plunder.

I hope you will not sell out the edition of the work on Napoleon

medals, or rather drafts for Napoleon medals, too soon; for I want a copy of the work, but cannot buy it now. We have had thus far this year all the books we can expect be allowed. Otherwise I should have been in the Elder Sale, or rather the Appleton sale, and taken all the historical literature offered. Our book purchases come out of the Mint Contingent Fund, and the Director does not care to authorize the purchase of more than one lot a year, so as to distribute them over the years. We have just had nearly two hundred dollars for purchases and binding; so we shall have to wait until we have read and absorbed all we now have!!!

With kind regards to Wood, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. L. Cornforth

May 15th, 1913.

My dear Corgarette:-

[illegible] letter, which you forgot to date, came to hand a day or two ago, [illegible] the monumental gall of the statement that, "when [illegible] requires money she comes to Philadelphia for it", [illegible]

[illegible] York, [illegible] accomplishment. [illegible] of the delight of having a part [illegible] a few centuries behind the times! Philadelphia [illegible] opportunity, [illegible]

[illegible] in person p. d. q., I am,

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

May 16, 1913.

My Dear Belden: -

If this were not pay-day and I in consequence in mighty good humor that second epistolary effort of yours would certainly get you into trouble. But the hope of having sufficient money to take me to the circus and also to a moving-picture show is exercising a mollifying influence upon me; I am inclined to take a very broad view of your nasty remarks. You say "Philadelphia has an opportunity, let her embrace it while it lasts". Thanks for that good(?) advice. We shall not follow New York's example; that is just what troubles the sleep of you New Yorkers - you embrace everything that's loose. Your nerves must be disturbed; take more sleep. That is what you all need. You may have heard that it was a New York girl who confessed in answer to the question "What would you do if you had a million dollars"? "Why, I'd sleep alone for a month".

Elder and Sears and Raymond and Hesslein and the rest are here picking the remains of the late Mr. Steigerwalt; and they are getting such a load of stuff that it will be necessary to charter a train of flat cars to haul them to N.Y.

Thank you for the invitation; I'll be along there in the near future, if not "p.d.q." anyhow a lot too soon for your comfort. You will be more anxious for me to get away, both you and that little chap of a Wood. I'll let you know when I am coming, so you can put on some borrowed foot-ball gear.

With charitably kind regards for both of you, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

P. L. Evans

May 13th, 1913.

[illegible]

My dear [illegible]-

Your letter of the 12th was duly received. I am glad to see that my very [illegible] succeeded in waking you up sufficiently to get you [illegible]. It is important at a feat to get a Philadelphian sufficiently awake to even be rude, and so to the very pretty little story about the girl who was, of course, a Philadelphia girl because they are so sleepy in all the [illegible] [illegible]-[illegible] [illegible].

I have [illegible] in anticipation of a thousand dollars [illegible] [illegible]. I fear very much that you will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

May 21, 1913.

My Dear Belden: -

If you want the entire set of coins for the year in proof you will have to wait until fall; for up to date, and we are always "up to date" here, no proofs have been struck in silver. It is my understanding that the silver proofs will be forthcoming in the early fall; but I have no inside information on that point.

I note your scurrilous remarks, your boasting bravado, and your general cockeyness - your usual manner when nearly a hundred miles away; but I know you - I know d - n well that if I were to come over there, you would be all bland smiles and say "Well, come along with us and have luncheon."

How does it go to have a young buck in the next room instead of an attractive girl? Are you not terribly sorry you swapped? Just think of it!

Do you want the proofs issued to date? Or do you prefer to wait until the full series is ready? The gold and minor pieces now on sale require $38.65 to buy and ten cents for registered package - AND NO TRUST. That capitalized bit of information will prevent that outfit of yours from securing them, no doubt. But you and Wood might get a banjo and a Jews-harp and hit the street as strolling musicians and thus secure the funds, not for your music, but in tips to rid people of your noise.

I note that you have formed a coin trust, bringing a number of dealers into it. Just as I expected. When we get out another circular of information, I shall name you people as the head of the octopus in the first line of shady dealers.

Very truly yours

W. L. Comparetto

May 22nd, 1913.

My dear Comparette:-

The establishment of the Mint in Philadelphia was certainly an exceedingly short sighted and foolish proceeding on the part of the United States Government. If the authorities had been at all active to the situation they would have appreciated the fact that to locate any establishment that was expected to do any thing in the sleepy atmosphere of that benighted place would inevitably produce stagnation. Had your imposing pile of inertia been located in New York, or Hoboken, or Elizabeth, or any other wide awake community, you would not now be in the humiliating position of having to acknowledge that it takes nine months or more to issue the silver proofs of 1913!

It is certainly fortunate that there are branch mints in wide awake places like Denver and San Francisco, perhaps they will strike proofs at these mints some day, and then they will be "up to date," Let us hope so!

Your remark "ANY NO TRUST" is a gratuitous insult. If you had been wide awake to understand my last letter, it would have peretrated your brain that when I said "If you will kindly advise me of the cost, I will send over a cheque" I did not ask for any trust. On the subject of trust, what you say about a "coin trust" is not worthy of notice. Any one who would so pervert my well meant efforts to convey to you information that you could not stay awake long enough to obtain for yourself, is beneath my contempt.

I enclose my cheque, to your order, for $38.72 to pay for the gold and silver proofs and the registered package. I am sufficiently sanguine to hope that I will receive them sometime before 1913.

Of course we will greet you with "bland smiles" and invite you to lunch when you come here. We do not have to starve anything before we tackle him. Come over as soon as you can and we will feed you well, and then if you are looking for a scrap we will accommodate you, and when we are through with you our boy will sweep up in a dust pan all there is left of you!

Very sincerely yours,

May 23rd, 1913.

My dear Comparette:-

When I wrote you yesterday I forgot to say that I have to turn in some sort of a voucher for each payment that I make for the Society, therefore, I would appreciate it if you would kindly send me a receipt for the check that I sent you for the proof coins.

Hoping to see you over here before very long, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Vay 26th, 1913.

My dear Comparette:-

Much obliged for the proofs which were received on Saturday. Apparently my letter found somebody awake in Philadelphia, which was very quite surprising. I suppose it caught you on the psychological moment when you just woke up from one nap and were not quite ready to begin the next.

When are you coming over here any way? You have been threatening to do so for a long time, and we are all very anxious to see you.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

June 7th, 1913.

My dear Comparetta:-

I see that the receipted bill, that I received for the proof set, is for $38.38 while the check that I sent you was $38.75, the difference being eight cents postage, and I accordingly enclose herewith eight cents in postage stamps to make up the amount, and at the same time I want to than you for so kindly attending to this for me.

I trust that we will have the pleasure of seeing you here before long. Wood and I are both in fine shape and ready for any kind of a scrap that you choose to inaugurate. Wood goes away for a week on the 18th, and he expects to bring Mrs. Wood back with him.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

July 17, 1913.

My dear Contarette:

I hear that you were here while I was away, so we got cheated out of that little visit, much to my disappointment. If I can get away, I will be in your town one day next week, probably Tuesday or Thursday, I hope you will not be frightened and run away as I want to see you. Please drop me a line and let me know if you will be on deck.

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

My Dear Belden: -

Yes, Sir, I'll be here all next week, tied down fast; my assistant goes off on vacation. Come right along, and get yourself done up right.

Saturday afternoon, 12:13 and vacation. Expect to see you.

Yours truly,

P. L. Bouquette

December 9th, 1913.

My dear Comparette:-

I suppose you are back in that sleepy old town by this time. Hope you had a good time while away.

Mr. Bennett never answered the letter that I wrote him regarding our exhibition. Is there any way you could stir him up on the subject ?

I do not know whether I asked you to secure me a proof half and quarter of this year when issued. If I did, please forget about it because Harry Chapman was over here sometime ago, and had them with him and I got them from him.

I forgot to tell you that I looked up what duplicate numbers we had of the Revista, and did not find those that you needed. I know a party who has a few odd numbers, and the first chance I get I will see if he has what you need.

I will probably be over in Philadelphia some day before very long, but I do not now know just when.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

December 30, 1913.

The American Numismatic Society
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:-

An effort is being made to secure a complete list of the medals produced in the United States during the year 1913, and to this end I greatly desire a complete statement of the work you have produced the past year, or have had made, or any work that you may know of and which you may think might escape my knowledge. Brief descriptions of the various medals are desired, and also photographs of the more ambitious pieces. And where possible I should be glad to borrow specimens, or impressions in wax, of important pieces for the purpose of more extended description and comment. Any such loans will be returned promptly; but in some cases the authority to illustrate is also desired.

The completed catalogue will be published under auspices that cannot but be favorable to all artists or firms represented.

Very sincerely yours,

T. L. Comparette

THE NUMISMATIC COLLECTION
U. S. MINT, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

P.S.

Mr. Belden:-
I have Flanagan's address. Please forward one of the inclosed to him, and oblige. Please forward to any others, you may know, especially Raymond Anyone in Boston.
C.

New York, January 3rd, 1914.

My dear Comparette:-

Your circular regarding the medals struck in this country during the past year at hand. As Mr. Belden was making tracks for Chicago he asked [illegible] this. [illegible] one of your circulars to Flanagan, whose name and address is Mr. John Flanagan, 1931 Broadway, New York. One also has been sent to [illegible], and another one to Dr. Malcolm Storer, 302 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. He is in touch with all [illegible], Naval and Local medals, and [illegible]. As soon as the exhibition [illegible] I will go over my [illegible], [illegible] during the past year. I will [illegible].

The following [illegible]:

Mr. [illegible], who is a sculptor, [illegible] Northern Boulevard, College Point, Long Island, N. Y.

Mr. Bela L. Pratt, [illegible] Harcourt Street, Boston, Mass.

The Gorham Company, Fifth Avenue & 36th Street, N. Y.

The latter, I think, issued some medals concerning Perry's victory on Lake Erie.

Mr. Charles de Kay, 413 West 33rd Street, N. Y.

The [illegible] & Hoag Company, [illegible], N. Y.

Mr. [illegible], [illegible] Art Company, [illegible] Street, N. Y.

Dr. [illegible], [illegible], Philadelphia, Pa.

[illegible] Dr. [illegible] [illegible].

The [illegible] Co., [illegible].

This is all [illegible] that I can think of at the present moment.

Trusting to see you before long when the exhibition is in progress, and if you are here long enough at that time we may be able to do with a little [illegible] of these medals.

Very truly,

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January 29, 1913.

My dear Comparette:

Wood has handed me your two letters, and I must confess that your nerve exceeds any thing of that kind that can be produced in New York ! Just think of it, calling us "unneighborly" when the unneighborly crowd hang out in that sleepy old place called Philadelphia, the gang that will not loan a few bum old coins for a fine up-to-date exhibition ! It will be many moons before you get such another chance to let people know that your moss grown old institution has any thing.

I am sending the Zeitschrift by registered mail today, and if you say "unneighborly" again I will send Wood over to give you a much deserved licking, you are just the one who can be done up by a little fellow.

If you come over next week bring the book along with you, we can get along without for that length of time.

Vary sincerely yours,

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Rev. J. L. Comparette

Daniel Caldwell

[illegible] matter, the delivery of which [illegible]

Dear B.

Perhaps you have received an empty envelope. If so, for once at least the postman brought you a mission that was writing your comprehension. See!

T. L. C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

February 9, 1914.

My Dear Colleen:

Let me respond to several communications from shop of yours all at once. You see we people in the Government service have to work for a living, and that is why we do not always find time to keep our correspondence up to the minute.

The package came, a letter from Wood came, a letter [illegible] Letter [illegible] from you, and I [illegible] for all of them. You [illegible] that you will be in Philadelphia [illegible] that [illegible] have an [illegible] you will not call. Let me assure you that there is at least [illegible] who does not care d - n whether you call on him or not!

Please tell Wood that if Providence does not hinder, and the devil is willing, I'll [illegible] him one, and perhaps the papers this week for the Annual. The one is written, and only requires to be copied, the other is well along.

Proof-reading has again been pushed upon me, for the 3rd Edition of the Cat. But that has not been pushed off [illegible]. Being completed; so that I will again have a little time, and shall solve the Annual's papers to beat all Sea York.

Are you out of the [illegible] there yet? [illegible] the devil got his children just where he wanted them. [illegible] they [illegible] longer pretend to be good.

Sincerely yours,

P. L. Campbell

February 16th, 1914.

My dear Comparette:-

You will have to do a little hustling to get over here while the exhibition lasts as you will see by looking at your card it closes on the eighteenth, which is Wednesday of this week.

In your article on 1913 medals, do you mention the Indian medals by Sawyer. I have Sawyer's account of his various trips out west when he made the models for these medals, and it is important to know whether you are going to mention them before deciding just how to use this.

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

February 19, 1914.

Dear Mr. Belden: -

Before it escapes my attention, which is not so very probable, but surely before it is delayed any length of time I want to thank you and Mr. Wood for the courtesies extended Mr. Bement and myself yesterday; and you will be glad to know that Mr. B. was very much impressed with the reception [illegible] him. I [illegible] that I [illegible] not see more of you, but you realized that two pals like Mr. B. and myself had to keep moving homeward at an early hour.

Also I want to thank you for the courtesies of the Society in the form of the Huntington Medal, which I am very glad to have. It will always be very much cherished by me.

By the way, you will not forget that we want a copy of the [illegible] medal here, will you? Please lay it aside, and now before very long I shall make out a requisition for a copy of one of them, in bronze.

I believe that I informed Mr. Wood yesterday personally that I purposed to mention the Sawyer Indian Medals in the 1913 review. That need not interfere with any plans to publish Sawyers account of his medallic journey into the reservations, except perhaps we might avoid duplication of illustrations. If Sawyer wants to illustrate any, why not just include those, or select those particular ones for the [illegible] of 1913.

Sincerely yours

[illegible]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

February 24, 1914.

My Dear Belden: -

By Express I am returning the medals, after making note of all I believe we should mention in the review. A letter from Flanagan, the irrepressible Irishman, this morning shows, as ~~some~~ communications from others in the same vein, that the "artists" will resent being stalled along with "the manufacturers of trash". In a measure we had better respect their thinness of skin, and also keep the paper on a high plain of dignity.

I'd like photographs of , 1) Hopson medal; 2) Wilson, by Solberg; and 3) Dickens, by ? the last of which I may not reproduce.

I have heard nothing from Roine. Perhaps I will receive his work from the manufacturers. Flanagan will now probably send photographs of his work. And also I have had nothing from Fraser. Did he do any work in 1913? Any "tailing-up" you can do with these fellows will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

P. L. Commander

March 13th, 1914.

My dear Comparette:-

I have just received the enclosed envelope from you and nothing in it. I regret to see that the sleepy atmosphere of Philadelphia has at last paralyzed you so completely that you can not muster enough energy to do more at one time than direct an envelope. I presume later you will manage to write the letter that should go in it, and as I fear that will exhaust you entirely, and you can hardly send it without an envelope, I am also enclosing with this an envelope already directed, so that I may get the letter when written.

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

March 31, 1914.

My Dear Belden:

I sent you a lot of copy for the review of the medallic work in 1913. I hope you and Wood will go over that very carefully and if you find anything that should be touched up or toned down, do not hesitate to mention it. And there are some things that I'd state differently now. For instance in the sketch about Flanagan's work, I have spoken of his "powerful portrait of Rostron"; I'd omit the word powerful; and if you have the MS. by you plese draw a line through it.

You will need to settle upon just the medals to be illustrated and in time to insert the references to the plates in the text. I left a good deal open, because I did not know what you people might have in mind.

Please do not add my entire name to that article; just the initials TLC. or one initial C. at the end of it will suffice.

I wish you would add at the end of the Nero paper:-

Philadelphia, Pa.
April 1, 1914.

If you have a J.P.Morgan medal left, silver, you may send me a specimen; if you have no silver, send me a bronze. Perhaps you will get paid for it, perhaps not: I do not care, just so I get the medal.

Sincerely yours,

T. L. Comparette

April 6th, 1914.

My dear Comparette:-

I have sent you this day, by Parcel Post, a Goryan medal, No. 191, in bronze as requested, the cost of which is five dollars. I could not send you a silverplaque as they have been all gone for some time. This bronze one would have been gone also had it not been that I put it aside for you. Shall I make out one of our regular bills to the Dist. Sec. Ins., or will I have to fill in one of the forms provided by the Government, in which case have the form made out for five dollars only as the cost of transportation is born by the Society.

I trust you received the catalogue of the exhibition in good shape. That catalogue, of course, is for you personally. I will send a copy to the Dept. with the compliments of the Society in the course of a day or two.

I received a notice a few days ago that I had been made a Corresponding Member of the Philadelphia Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, which I appreciate greatly. If you are responsible for this, please accept my thanks.

I had a letter from Bronzer the other day regarding the medals. He writes such a beautiful hat that we could only have put a back of it, but fortunately he gave us the address of the party for whom one of the medals was made, and we have sent an inquiry to him, which we hope will throw a little more light on the subject, and give us a chew to one or two undecipherable words. I believe Bond has written you regarding your medal article so it is unnecessary for us to have anything to say about that.

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

April 9, 1914.

My Dear Belden:

The medal came to hand and you will soon receive a voucher, which you will please sign and return to get your money. And don't you dare do one of the usual tricks of Chapman, Mehl, et al., that is return the voucher unsigned.

That man Fuchs had better take up sign painting, or make a specialty of drop-curtains for country theatres. He does not know what a medal is.

By the way, when was that medal got out? If it was last year then it belongs in my rehearsal of the "Follies of 1913". It is not there mentioned. I'd hate to try to describe the thing.

The catalogue of the Exhibition also came to hand. Thank you for it ever so much. That is a valuable Cat., being so complete - that among other things.

The rest of the list of medals to be included in that resume of last year's outrages will be along within a day or so.

What you Jersey'Skeeters did to my jackass Tuesday will not be soon forgot. Just wait and watch.

Sincerely yours

P. L. Comparetti

April 22nd, 1914.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

I have pleasure in informing you that the Governors have appointed you [illegible] of the Committee on United States Medals for the current year.

The other members of the Committee are Dr. [illegible], [illegible] Street, New York, and Dr. [illegible], Carnegie Hall, New York.

Trusting that this will be agreeable to you, I do,

Very [illegible] yours,

[illegible]ary.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

April 24, 1914.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,

Secretary, Amer. Numismatic Society,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Your communication of the 22nd inst. informing me of appointment by your Board of Governors to the chairmanship of the Committee on United States Medals for the current year is before me. First of all let me assure your Board through you that I appreciate the intended honor fully. I regret indeed that I cannot see my way clearly to accept the place. I do not care to hold membership of a committee that does no work, and if the committee in question should be active, as it should be, I certainly could not find the time to attend to its affairs. For as you know, I am exceedingly busy here, where lone-handed I have all the work to do in the manifold capacity of Director of the Work of the Collection in general, Curator, and stenographer.

I am sure that you will appreciate the difficulties. And especially will you appreciate that I am hardly fit for the place on a committee on U.S.medals, because I know next to nothing about them. The lines of my study are laid in other directions.

Thanking you for the courtesy, but also urging you to make another selection, I am, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

F. L. Bourquette

April [illegible], 1914.

Dr. [illegible],
Chairman, Committee on Drawing Common Medals,
Philadelphia.

Dear Dr. [illegible]:

Your letter of April 24th was just been received, and its contents carefully noted. I would say that your selection as Chairman of this Committee was [illegible] after the consideration due for the following reason.

The Committee on Drawing Common Medals has been in existence for some years, and has been practically sharing. You have done for the year 1913 in writing up the medals of that year what this Committee should have done, but did not do, and you have done it so thoroughly and so well that the Governors felt that this Committee with you as Chairman, and assuring you the co-operation of the Medallic Art Company, which arrives more of the medals good medals than any other concern, by the appointment of Henry Weil as a member of the Committee, would, in future, be of great service to the Society by continuing the work as you did it unofficially for the last year.

You will have, of course, all the co-operation possible on the part of Mead and myself, and I do not think that you will find any difficulty in making the Committee about it according, which it never has in the past.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

August 1st, 1914.

[illegible]:-

I enclose herewith a newspaper clipping giving an illustration of a [illegible] and [illegible] the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on [illegible]..

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

August 7th, 1914.

My dear Comparette:-

I enclose a draft of a circular that I will have printed, and send to the various Sections enclosure, with a view to [illegible] information for your review of [illegible], and incidentally to [illegible] set a few things for our collection. I wish you would look at [illegible] and let us know what you think of it, and if you would suggest any alterations or additions.

Very sincerely yours,

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

October 20, 1914.

My Dear Wood : -

Your letter with the rubbing inclosed came to hand. Yes, it is my present intention to wrtie up the medal work of the resent year. I shall a little later get together the specimens of the medals themselves, as it is not possible to discuss them from the rubbings.

I wish you would ascertain if you have any extra fasciculi of the Italian Rivista, especially III and IV, of Vol. XXII. There was an error somewhere that year and I did not secure the entire volume;, later when I called the attention of the firm to the matter they refused to correct the error because I had not make claim sooner. I am going to try them from another angle, if I cannot secure the wanting parts. I recall that Mr. Belden said that you people had some extra Parts.

I hope that everything is going well with you; all is going nicely on the Delaware.

Sincerely yours,

T. L. Comparetti

December [illegible], 191[illegible]

My dear Comparetto:-

I am planning to go to Philadelphia either Monday or Tuesday of next week. Do you expect to be in the Mint on these two days, or either of them ?

Very sincerely yours,

December 22nd, 1914.

Dr. T. L. Comparetto,

Chairman, Committee on United States Medals,

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

The enclosed memorandum of suggestions for the investigation and report of the various numismatic committees was approved by the Council a few days ago. I am sending you three copies so that you can, if you desire, send a copy to some of the other members of your committee.

The annual meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday afternoon, January 16th, and we will be very glad of any report that your committee can make.

The other members of your committee are Mr. Henri Weil, 34 East 28th Street, New York, and Mr. Augustus C. Heaton, Carnegie Hall, New York.

Very truly yours,

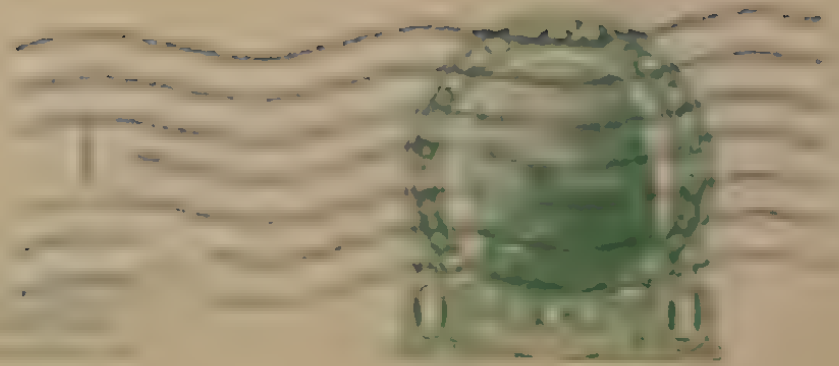
Secretary.

Washington 12-26-

Dear Buldu:

Shall not be in Phila. Mon. Sorry. Off for the rest of year — maybe

Compton



Mr. Bauman L. Belden
156th Str. near Bradway
New York
Ch. Amer. Num. Soc.

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February 3rd, 1915.

My dear Comparette:-

I enclose herewith three letters from H. K. Bush-Brown, Victor H. Brenner and Chester Beach, which are self-explanitory. Will you kindly return them to me when you are through with them.

When I was in Philadelphia last, at the time you were away, I saw the Superintendent of the Mint, and by him was referred to one of his assistants, who name I think was either Morris or Norris. I had obtained from the War Department permission to purchase at the Mint the various service medals, and I arranged about them, and the understanding was that I should be notified as soon as they could tell me exactly what these medals would cost, so that I could send over the cash to pay for them. I have not heard anything from the Mint since then, and I want to write to this man with whom I made the arrangements. Can you give me his full name? I may possibly decide to go over to Philadelphia some day next week and see him personally instead of writing. Do you expect to be on hand every day next week, or are you going to fly away to Washington or to some other place again? As soon as you hear that there is a prospect of a deal, I will appear. It strikes me, by the way, that I have gotten you pretty well scared, but I will promise not to hurt you very much.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

February 5, 1915.

My Dear Belden:

It is my understanding that the medals of the war Department you mention in your letter are being prepared for you. If you will just put a check on that north Jersey fussiness of yours, keep your shirt on a day or so more, and try to preserve the civilized decorum in patience a Philadelphian habitually shows, you will have the medals in question in the near future.

Yes I shall be here the entire next week; it is the week for the Assay Commission to meet and I shall be engaged in the delightful work of entertaining Democrats.

So if you come over you will have to take pot luck in the matter of schnapps and entertainment, with no mean chance of getting left to some degree on both scores.

Tell Woody that the Museum of Safety medal is on the way. [illegible]

Come if you can and want to, but better come sober: Billy Sunday is here you must know.

Sincerely yours

J. L. Comparette.

February 10th, 1915.

My dear Comparetto:-

Your letter of February 5th received. "The civilized decorum in patience a Philadelphian habitually shows" is very good. He certainly shows it.

Things did not work out very well for me to get over to Philadelphia this week. Friday being a holiday sort of cuts a hole in the week's work, and so I must be on hunting that day I did not want to be away for two days in one week just now. I may possibly get over next week unless I should hear something from the War Department medals in the meantime.

As regards the Dale Pratt's medal of Muller, I do not know anything about it except that such a medal has been made. It was struck by the Medallic Art Company, and awhile ago Will called me up, and asked me how he could reach Mr. Huntington, as he wanted to get some instructions regarding it. That is the extent of my knowledge.

I am glad to hear that you are having the "delightful work of entertaining Dunsmuir" this week, and I hope you will find it instructive as well as entertaining. You should not fail to take advantage of opportunities of this kind.

Very sincerely yours,

February 24th, 1915.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,

United States Mint,

Philadelphia.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

I take pleasure in notifying you that the Governors have appointed you Chairman of the Committee on United States Medals for the current year.

Mr. Henri Weil, 34 East 28th Street, New York, has been appointed the second member of the Committee, and the appointment of the third member will be made later.

In the meantime, if you have any preference as to the remaing member, and will kindly notify me, it will be of great assistance to the Governors in making the selection.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

March 3rd, 1915.

My dear Comparetto:-

I have talked over that Saint Gaudens Franklin medal with Wood. If ten plunks will land it, we will produce the ten plunks.

Do not forget about the silver shell of the Parish medal, if the opportunity offers.

I attended to the remainder of my business in Philadelphia in a satisfactory manner, and got the five o'clock train, reaching home in time for dinner - a little before seven.

I hope your people will keep awake this time until I get the eight medals they are making for me.

Hope to see you here before long.

Very sincerely yours,

March 11th, 1915.

My dear Comparette:-

I have found a man in Philadelphia who developes speed!. I did not know such a thing existed, but I will have to admit one shining exception to the general rule.

Dr. Norris promised me the eight army medals in one week, and in just five days they were delivered here!

I enclose herewith a piece of ribbon for your British army general service (Peninsula) medal. I have no ribbon for the Crimea medal, and I looked through Proskey's stock without finding any. You can get it from Spink & Son.

Could you get hold of a piece of the red ribbon used on the naval good conduct medals? I believe these medals were made in the Mint.

Sincerely,

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

March 13, 1915.

My Dear Belden:

The cliché of the Parrish medal is on the way per express. I'd have sent it by parcel post, b t for the recollection that you prized it so much, also that you are getting it so cheap, and for these two reasons you'd be only too glad to make cock sure that it came safely to hand.

When Chapman found out, or thought he had found out, that somebody wanted the medal his price jumped to huge figures, comparatively speaking. All at once "It is a proof, and entirely unique" and cost him about $4.50 in Hamburg some fifteen years ago!

I got it for $2.00, and of course bought for you - though I do sense a slight inclination to turn it into our own collection, it is so fine and so cheap!

Sincerely yours,

T. L. Comparette

[illegible]

March 16th, 1915.

My dear Comparetto:-

I am delighted to have the silver shell of the Parish medal, and am exceedingly obliged to you. I enclose herewith check for two plunks.

I just received a letter from Dr. Norris with a piece of the Good Conduct medal ribbon. Much obliged to you for attending to this also. Dr. Norris seems to be most accommodating. He has given me a lot of information in addition to having the medals made.

I got one of the Marine Corp Good Conduct Medals a few days ago, so now we are coming pretty close to having nearly all there is. I think the only thing we are shy is the latest design of the Medal of Honor, and, of course, some of the varieties of the Sampson medal, of which, according to Dr. Norris, there are ~~only~~ forty different reverses.

I note what you say about the Franklin medal, and as we have one, and only need it to show the reverse in the case, I think, in the present state of finances, it would hardly be advisable to go more than ten plunks on it, so we will let it go, and trust to another one turning up some day.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible], 1[illegible].

Dr. [illegible] L. Comparette,

Chairman, Committee on United [illegible],

United States Mint,

Philadelphia.

[illegible]:-

[illegible] appointed as the third member of your [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Newark, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

With [illegible] [illegible], [illegible],

[illegible] [illegible],

Secretary.

August 19th, 1915.

My dear Compagette:-

Can you inform me if the dies for the medal that was given by Ben Butler to the colored troops for the Campaign before Richmond in 1864 were cut at the Mint? I had an idea that the medal was struck at the Mint, and the attachment, ribbon, &c. provided by a jeweller, but I have no positive information on the subject except that the original box which contained the medal in the Society's collection bears the stamp of Chas. W. Kennard & Co., 307 Washington Street, Boston.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

September [illegible]th, 1913.

My Dear Commander:-

I am thinking of going to Philadelphia on Thursday November [illegible], and would be glad to know if you expect to be on hand that day, as there are several things that I want to talk over with you.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

September 27, 1915.

My Dear Belden:

Today I received your letter written the 20th and asking if I expected to be here the past Thursday. That letter and several others had been forwarded to me, contrary to instructions, at Atlantic City, where I spent some of the recent hot days; and the hotel people were slow about returning the large envelope containing them to me. That will explain to you why you received no reply, and also why nothing was said about the letter when you were here the other day.

Again I have learned that if one wants to find a thing the way to do it is to look for just where it belongs and not allow one's self to be deceived by appearances. After you left I found the Lincoln peace medal, and found it just where it belonged in the tray! The reason that I failed to note it before was, that it was covered with dust and in the dark room, or rather dark, ill-lighted at anyrate, it looked like a bronze medal. It was too dark to distinguish the design upon the medal. I also found the record of the loan of the medal to an official, but it had been returned some time ago in my absence. No wonder, therefore, that I could not remember distinctly, or at all, about it.

This medal is exactly like the one you people have, only it has never been in possession of a buck Indian. It was evidently made and placed in the collection here at the time others were made for bestoval upon some happy warrior. I must back water about the metal. It is base silver, made only for the Cabinet. Of no other historical value, no more than the bronze ones now made for sale.

Sincerely yours

R. L. Comparetti

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

October 25, 1915.

My Dear Belden:

Have you any intention, so far as you now know, of attending the sale of the Burton collection at Anderson's galleries on the 5th of Nov.?

There are one or two things in the sale that I'd like to get, but not enough to pay me to run over there. So, if you should later find out that you shall be there, you or Wood, I shall ask you or him to help me, if that be feasible.

Mr. Hart is preparing a specimen of the Sampson Medal, as issued to the New York, and I shall try to get it to the photographer today.

Sincerely yours,

T. L. Comparette

October 26th, 1915.

My dear Comparetto:-

Your letter of October 25th received. I will probably go to the sale on November 5th. Will let you know positively in a day or so. Will be most happy to do any bidding for you.

Glad to hear that the Sampson Hotel is being fixed up.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

October 30th, 1911.

My dear Comparette:-

If you want me to do any bidding for you at the Anderson Auction Company's sale of November 5th, send along your bids, and I will be most happy to attend to them for you.

Shall I bid on for myself and pay for everything I get, or do the bidding in the name of the Hun ? Kindly advise me about this, and I will do my best to carry out your instructions.

Have you any idea as to what progress is being made with that Army of Peace Occupation campaign banner ?

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE

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MEMORANDUM VOUCHER

EXAMINED BY

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

November 1, 1915.

My Dear Belden:-

By this time you probably have the photograph of the ~~Xxxxx Xxxxxxxxx~~ Dampson medal, for the [illegible] New York; as to the C.C.M. I can tell you nothing. It would hardly do to urge the barber too hard, else he might get mad and do his utmost to keep you out of the medal as long as possible. He is a very preculiar cuss.

In the Anderson sale or the Burton sale at Anderson's, I want Dr. Ell, provided it is as ~~xx~~ represented. Elder has misrepresented the facts about the rarity of the coin, so that some layman may pick it up at that particular place at an unreasonable figure.

A specimen sold in the Weber sale, by Hirsch, for [illegible] marks, or little over $19.00, which was cheap enough.

The coin might to be has round $25.00, but I am going to put an upper limit of $30.00 on my bids; if some other person goes higher, they are welcome to the piece..

If you get the coin, have the persons in charge of the auction sign the inclosed blank voucher and return it to me together with a bill signed personally by some member of the firm; the firm signature will not do, but Adam Skinner, for Ketchum and Skinnum will do. Both voucher and bill must bear a personal signature.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Comparetti

Mr. Bauman L. Belden
156th Str., near Brdwy.
New York City, N.Y.

November 3rd, 1915.

My dear Comparette:-

Your letter of November 1st at hand, and either Weed or I will do our best to carry out your instructions regarding No. 411 in the Burton Sale.

The photograph of the Sampson medal has not as yet been received. If it is to be sent direct by the photographer, could you not call him up and ask him to send me two prints ? I am anxious to get this photograph as soon as I can as I want to get the manuscript in the printer's hands, and can not do so until I get this. I am, of course, anxious to get the Cuban Occupation medal as a discription of that also goes in the paper, but it being at the end of the paper, the printer will not get to it quite as quickly as the Sampson medal, and I could, if necessary, omit this discription until I receive the galley from the printer.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

November 8th, 1913.

My dear Comparetto:-

No. 411 in the American Sale went for the exceedingly small price of $115.00, consequently we did not get it for you. I am keeping the blank voucher that you sent, so that I will have it in case you should want us to get anything for you at some future date.

I will probably be in Philadelphia some day next week, and if so, will drop in and see you.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

November 23rd, 1915.

My dear Comparette:-

I had quite an experience yesterday afternoon. I was sitting in our main room on the first floor, looking over some ribbons for our medals when a big man came in, and walked up to the boy, and said he wanted to see the Secretary. At that, I looked up, and saw he had fire in his eye, likewise was armed with a big stick. I informed him that I was the Secretary, and he said I was John J. Boyle.!! I told Mr. Boyle that I was glad to see him, and he consented to shake hands with me which was something of an encouraging sign. Then he proceeded to inform me that on page 210 of the last volume of the Journal was the discription of a medal to John Barry, First Naval Commander of the United States of America by J. BEACH. He further informed me that there was no such man as J. Beach, but that he had made the medal. At that I was very much alarmed, and began to consider how I could dodge the stick. I promptly informed him that I had nothing to do with that, it was done by Comparette. That seemed to pacify him somewhat, and he told me he had brought one of the medals up that he was going to give to us on the condition that Comparette was promptly murdered. I told him that we would be happy to receive the medal, and I would annihilate Comparette the first convenient opportunity. That seemed to please him, and he put his stick up in the corner, and apparently forgot all about it, so after a little further conversation which was quite amicable, he went away, and Miss Reilly revived me with smelling salts, after

which I want home. I have by this time quite recovered from the shock.

Very sincerely yours,

Philadelphia, Pa.
November 26.

My Dear Belden:-

So Boyle was boiling around your place! He wrote to me about it too; that was some time ago. I replied to him as soothingly as I could, but evidently the syrup applied failed to take hold in the right place. And yet, as a matter of fact, I surmise that Boyle is having a corking good time out of it. It affords him an opportunity to indulge his propensity to grouch - a universal human form of xxxxxg self amusement - then above all he is getting a chance to advertise himself! Did you ever hear of him before? I never did. What else brought him to your den but a chance to introduce himself! He got off his grouch, then gave you a medal! Wasn't that fine? If he keeps on, he will secure enough advertising to get more jobs.

I replied to him that we'd make some sort of correction in the next number of the Journal, that we'd tell a big lie, and say that "the artist who did the splendid medal of Capt. Barry etc" was really Boyle, and it was no pot-boiler either, but the rotten thing was his very best effort.

Who is to blame? That I cannot answer. Some person gave me his name as that of the guilty man, and I inscribed it on the docket of the condemned, or of those who deserve condemnation. The signature was new to me.

Now, who is to blame for the obscurity of Boyle? Obscurities should sign their full names, and not indulge in ligatured monograms or initialed signatures.

I greatly regret the errors in that last write-up. The only excellence in such papers is that they should preserve accurate accounts of the medals, their origin, authorship, etc. etc., and the last write-up is off on several, it seems. And yet I took greater pains than ever before, as a matter of fact!! I'd better go about it recklessly in future.

Sincerely yours,

P. L. Crompton

December 2nd, 1915.

My dear Comparette:-

I discovered an inquiry that you made of me some time ago, which I had forgotten all about. You asked me the title of a book which is as follows:-

15000 WORDS OFTEN

[illegible]

BY

[illegible]

NEW YORK

[illegible]

1914

I hope you will pardon the long delay in sending this information. With kind Regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

December 21st, 1915.

Dr. W. L. Comparette,

Chairman, Committee on United States Medals,

United States Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

The Annual Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday afternoon, January 18th, 1916, at which time the reports of the various Standing Committees will be in order.

The enclosed memorandum may possibly contain suggestions that will be of use in making up the annual report of your committee.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

January 6, 1916.

Dear Felden:-

Has that coin shop of yours up there at 156th Str. secured the gold set of the Cotton coins of 1915? If you have not yet, and want a set of the first year of issue, you had better kick the Knickerbocker dust off your feet and get word over here that you want them; and get the money over too some day.

The issue for 1915 was limited, and in certain denominations only proofs were struck, yes only fifty specimens in proof even of certain denominations. That spells [illegible].

I've got in a word for you, but let me have just the same.

Sincerely yours,

Cassarette

5 Peso
1 Peso
40 C

Cost of gold set $38.75
real money. C

Thanks an hold for you - the last set

PARVA NE PEREANT
THE AMERICAN NVMISMATIC SOCIETY

BROADWAY, AT 156TH STREET
NEW YORK

January 7th, 1916.

My dear Comparette:-

Your letter of yesterday has just been received. We have the 5 Peso in gold, and the 1 Peso and 40¢ in silver, which I got when at the Mint awhile ago. Will we have to buy the entire set, or only such as we need to make it up? If you will kindly let me know by return mail, I will send over a cheque for whatever the amount is immediately. Let me know how much.

Can you inform me of which denominations only proofs were struck?

Have you any idea how soon we will get our Cuban Occupation Medal? I think you wrote me to the effect that it would probably be soon after the first of the year.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible signature]

Dear Belden:-

you need.

20 pesos, gold	$20	21	
10 " "	$10	21	
4 " "	4	21	
2 " "	2	21	
1 " "	1	21	
20 centavos, silver	0	21	
10 " "	0	14	
[illegible] set of [illegible]		12	
	38.80 + [illegible]		

January 7th, 1916.

My dear Comparetto:-

Your letter of yesterday has just been received. We have the 2 Pesos in gold, and the 1 Peso and 60¢ in silver, which I get when at the Mint public sale. Will we have to buy the entire set, or only such as we need to make it up? If you will kindly let me know by return mail, I will send over a check for whatever the amount is immediately.

Can you inform me of which commemorative only proofs were struck?

Have you any idea how soon we will get our Cuban Occupation Medal? I think you wrote me to the effect that it would probably be seen after the first of the year.

Very sincerely yours,

January 10th, 1916.

My dear Comparette:-

Your letter has just been received, and I am sending you herewith my cheque for thirty-nine dollars for the Cuban proofs, that is allowing twenty cents for postage and registration. If it costs any more, please let me know.

With kinest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

January 14th, 1916.

My dear Comparette:-

The Cuban Coins have just been received. Much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken regarding them. I have also received a bill, and I see by it that I still owe you the large sum of $1.03, and I accordingly enclose my cheque for that amount.

Have you any idea how soon we will get that Cuban Occupation medal? I think you wrote me that the Mint would probably be able to let me have it soon after the first of the year.

Very busy just now getting ready for the annual meeting, which comes off to-morrow. I wish you were going to be with us.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

My Dear Belden:-

I received your check, cashed it and blowed in the money - blowed it into an envelope where it is resting until the Medal Clerk returns; the M.C. is off for a day or so nursing a case of gripp. Your Cuban coins, however, are all done up in a rag and marked for you, so that you are sure of them within a day or so. I assured her that you would want them, and she accordingly packed up the pieces you needed and marked them for you. The package is in a box which the substitute does not wish to open in the absence of the M.C., hence the brief delay.

Possess your soul in patience! By the way yours will be the last full set to go out; several of the denominations are now exhausted, as the Twenty, Two, One, and possibly others, but of these I am sure.

Sincerely yours,

D. L. Campbell

Phila., 2 - 1 - '16.

My Dear Pelgen:

Nobody here would be able to give you a satisfactory answer to your question anent the bestowal of the Medal of Honor upon Commissioned officers; you will have to appeal to the War Department for that information, that is to get it in authoritative form.

In so far as anything is known here, it seems to be the understanding that the medal to be conferred for that blunder is not the regular Medal of Honor, but a special brew; but I am not reliably informed upon that point.

I have called attention again to your right to a Civil Occupation Medal, and it will have immediate attention from the proper authorities - that means that you will get it before next Xmas!

So you got the Peace Medal! You grafters!!!! But I congratulate you.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Crompton

February 2nd, 1916.

My dear Comparette:-

Your letter of yesterday has just arrived. I wrote to the Navy Department at the same time that I wrote to you, and have just received word that the medal in question is the regular Naval Medal of Honor, which was granted in this case to commissioned officers under authority of the Naval Appropriation Act approved March 3, 1915. I have written again to the Department to see if I can get a copy of the act.

By the same mail I also received the Cuban Occupation Medal, and I am much obliged to you for the trouble that you have taken regarding it. I think I sent you fifty cents to pay for it when I first heard about it. If I did not, please let me know.

Yes, we got the peace medal, and not only that, we have our eye on another one, small size, 1792. I do not know, as yet, whether the owner will sell it or not, but I hope we can land it sooner or later. If we do you can send us some more congratulations.

Very sincerely yours,

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I [illegible] received [illegible] official com-
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[illegible] of this continua-
tion of the [illegible], in view of [illegible] delinquencies in the past.
The fact is that for the last two or three years I have
[illegible] work, [illegible]
[illegible] better opportunity in the next [illegible] years. I am of
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[illegible] er it.
[illegible]
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[illegible]; [illegible]: it [illegible]
[illegible] loose!! [illegible], after
[illegible].
There was something else I intended to write you about
but I cannot recall it; hardly about any girl, [illegible]
[illegible] a subject of that sort.
[illegible]
[illegible] numbers of the Italian Rivista that [illegible]
[illegible] of my incomplete volumes. When [illegible], please
[illegible] back.

Sincerely yours,

[illegible]

January 4th, 1917.

To the Committee on United States Medals.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:-

The Annual Meeting of The American Numismatic Society will be held Saturday afternoon, January 20th, at which, according to our By-Laws Chapter VI, Article 3, the Chairman of your Committee will be called upon to present a report in writing concerning the activities of your Committee. This Annual Meeting is the first one since the inauguration of the new regime. We therefore wish to make the meeting an eminently satisfactory one to our entire membership. Nothing can be accomplished without the whole hearted co-operation of all.

The staff in the Society's building have devoted their energies and time to the furtherance of the Society's affairs and interests. The Society now looks forward to receiving a report of your Committee.

Seven months ago at the Spring general meeting of Committees, minute books and suggestions were furnished each Committee. If you have nothing definite to report, refer to your minute book and at least give us a digest of your minutes and discussions. Perhaps your report has already been drawn up. In any case we would ask you to hand it in not later than the thirteenth of the month in order that we may be aided in the arrangement of the programme of the Annual Meeting.

If you are the Chairman of your Committee, please turn your attention to this matter at once as it is imperative that a written report be presented at the coming meeting.

T.L.C.

If you are not the Chairman, will you not get in touch with him immediately as the time remaining is very short.

We wish to emphasize again that all the resources of the Society - everybody and everything in the building - are at your immediate disposal.

Can we help you ?

Your Committee is composed of

Mr. [illegible] Weil, [illegible] East [illegible] Street, New York.
Telephone, Madison Square [illegible]79.
Mr. Jonathan M. [illegible], [illegible] Camp Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Hoping to see you, or at least hear from you, on or before the 15th, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

President.

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June 1st, 1917.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

In a letter from the University of the City of New York at Albany, under date of May 7th, our Society was asked to appoint a Committee which should have as its duties, the collecting and preservation of historical material relating to the present war. An effort is being made to have this collecting done in the various local communities with respect to bibliographical material, but in our case, the field is of course that of numismatics. At a meeting of our staff it was deemed highly desirable that we co-operate and I am appointing as a Committee, Dr. T. L. Comparette, Curator, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham, 432 West Price Street, Germantown, Pa., Dr. W. Gilman Thompson, 61 West 49th Street, New York, and Mr. Maurits Schulman, Keizergracht 448, Amsterdam, Holland. Mr. Schulman has already done much in securing for our Society, a collection of coins, medals and paper money relating to the war, and this has proved an interesting part of our exhibition for the past year. Perhaps the most important phase of this Committee's work will be an effort to secure means for him to con-tinue this work. It is surely unnecessary for me to point out that many of these issues are of such an ephemera nature that prompt action on the spot is the only means of securing examples. There are several fields however, which are not open to Mr. Schulman. Russia and Italy are good examples, but others will occur to you.

It is not my purpose to outline ways and means. I would suggest that the three members of the Committee in this country get into touch with one another as soon as may be, by letter if

It is not possible to have a personal meeting. I would suggest that you also confer with Messrs. Ford and Ree of our staff, regarding any points on which they might enlighten you. After that has been done, a letter to Mr. Schulman acquainting him of the conditions, seems the next step. The importance of a collection of these medals in this country is bound to increase with the years. May I not appeal for your earnest support in this effort of our Society to fulfill its mission ?

Yours very respectfully,

President.

Philadelphia, Penna.
June 4, 1917.

My Dear Newell:

Your letter of the 1st inst. was received Saturday. At my earliest convenience I shall have a conference with Gillingham and try to reach some understanding of what we can do. I am willing to help out all I can, but some of the proposed work will be difficult for us over here to do.

This is especially true of the task of raising money to procure the desired objects. Have you any scheme in mind to do that? How would it do to get out a circular to be sent to the members of the Society, stating the facts as to the enormous issue of medals and tokens in Europe during this war and requesting contributions to a special fund to purchase as nearly a complete set of them as possible? That is the method we are following in the Philadelphia Society; here the members are going down into their pockets to secure the funds for the purchase.

Then as to the methods of securing them. Have you ever tried the scheme of exchanges with any of the European museums? The other museums make frequent use of that method. In lieu of anything to exchange we could offer to pay cost and postage on anything secured for us. I have little doubt but that if we should request assistance from the Luxembourg museum through the American Consul General in Paris, that institution would assist us all in their power to secure examples of everything that came to their knowledge.

Until the end of the war we are cut off from direct negotiations with German firms as we'd get into trouble under some enemy-trade act or other.

I wish you people would consider these two suggestions and let me know what you think about them.

Sincerely yours,

P. L. Comparette

Stockbridge, Mass.
June 10th. 1917.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President Amer. Numismatic Soc.

My dear Mr. Newell

I shall be glad to serve on the Committee for the Collection of War Medals of which I assume Mr. Comparette is Chairman. As I am a member of the Advisory Commission of the Council of National Defense, I will endeavor to see him ~~the~~ when next I go to Washington and I shall hope to see you in town also before long. The idea is a very important one and it ought to be possible to make a very valuable collection. Before appealing for funds, however, it will be desirable to determine where the collection is to be kept, and this is not clear to my mind from your note. We can easily get the Hotel des Monnaies medailles at once, as I have found no difficulty in obtaining them at intervals throughout the war and we also could get the British medals from Spink & Son without delay, but Schulman, I understand, is not allowed to export German medals at present. I suppose Johnson of Milan could save Italian medals for us and we might get some Consul to collect them in Russia.

I apologize for this delay in replying to your note, but I have been seeking a few days holiday at my country home. I shall hope to see you soon and get you to make the promised visit to my collection.

Very sinderely yours,

W. Gilman Thompson

June 15th, 1917.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

Before leaving for an unexpected call west, Mr. Newell asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter regarding your appointment to the Committee for the collection of coins and medals relating to the present war. He asked me to say that he would await the results of a conference on the part of yourself and Messrs. Gillingham and Thomson before responding to your letter. He seemed to think that you would be able to settle many of the details in a committee meeting.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES MINT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

OFFICE OF
THE SUPERINTENDENT

July 11, 1917.

My Dear Mr. Noe: -

We have here several incomplete volumes of the Rivista, the Revue, Chronicle, and of the Greek Journal International, which we should be very glad to fill up.

We have in the past received often duplicate numbers on our subscriptions, due to some confusion in their mailing lists, and it has occurred to me that perhaps you people may have had the same experience. If so, have you any accumulation of such parts of volumes from which we might secure the missing numbers of our incomplete volumes?

I think that I asked this question of Mr. Belden once, and after many weeks received a rather vague negative, one that made me suspect that he had really forgot to look into the matter thoroughly. However, he may have given the matter his careful attention. I mean no soft impeachment; I am simply taking a chance that perhaps after all you may have something that you'd like to get rid of and we should be very glad to secure.

I thank you in advance for any trouble you may take in this matter and especially for any courtesy you can extend us. If you have a stock of the duplicates I will forward you a statement of the missing ones we desire.

Very sincerely yours,

T. L. Comparette

July 12th, 1917.

T. L. Comparette, Esq.,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Dear Mr. Comparette:-

Replying to your letter of the 11th, we have a few duplicate copies of the Journals you mention, and if you will let me know the numbers you need I will gladly go over them. I think we have no duplicate copies of the Rivista, but if it be possible for us to fill in your file of any of the others, I should be glad to do so. The chances are rather against our having the particular copies you need, but the satisfaction one derives from filling in a set is enough reward if we find only a few.

I received the copy of the Numismatische Zeitschrift which you returned together with the two volumes borrowed from Mr. Newell.

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

July 13, 1917.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,

American Numismatic Society,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe: -

Thank you for your kindly letter of the 12th and your offer to help me, if possible, to complete our files of certain of the Journals. I hasten to state what volumes we have in part:

Revue Numismatique:

Tome 6, 1902....	wanting,	fasc.	2 & 4.
" 7, 1903....	"	"	2 & 3.
" 8, 1904....	"	"	4.
" 9, 1905....	"	"	1,2, & 4.

Greek Journal (Journ. Intern).

Vol. I,1898.....	wanting,	fasc.	3.
" II,1899.....	"	"	1,2, & 4.

It so happens that it is the RIVISTA of which we have the greater number of broken volumes which we should be very glad to fill up; but therein I note that you cannot assist me. I have also appealed to the Library of Congress and it is possible I may secure a few duplicates from that source. Failing there it will remain for us of course to purchase from original publisher, but I desire to lower that order as much as possible by completing the parts of volumes on hand.

Sincerely yours,

A. Comparetti

July 18th, 1917.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

Referring to your letters of July 11th and 13th, I am sending you, under separate cover, Tome 9 of the Revue Numismatique. It seems to be the only part of the volumes you want, which we have in duplicate. I note in your first letter, you spoke of the Chronicle, but in your second letter you did not list any of the missing parts. We might be able to help you with the Chronicle. We have two years of the Greek Journal, but they are not they are not the years you want.

Regretting that I can not be of more service, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

July 20th, 1917.

Dr. T. L. Comparetto,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparetto:-

Replying to your letter of July 17th and the one to which you refer addressed to Mr. Wood under July 2nd, Mr. Wood is guilty of the delay, in fact we all are. The trouble is in getting Mr. Newell and Mr. Wood together, and in getting any prompt replies to letters we send out at this time of the year.

With regard to the funds for Turgeon war medals, I have ready for Mr. Newell's signature a letter to one of our members, which we hope may produce results. The results will probably be tardy - that is if there are any. In the latter event we shall have to try another member. We believe, however, that there is a patriotic appeal in this series, of which some one will want to take advantage, consequently several weeks may elapse before we can give you a definite statement.

With regard to the copies of the Revue Numismatique, Mr. Wood suggest that if you insist on getting for them that we make a charge of one cent on the transaction, without interest.

Mr. Wood has been having some vacation, but has been back about a week. Mr. Newell gets in about once a week.

Regretting the enforced delay, and hoping to have an agreeable report when we can make one, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

January 22nd, 1918.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

Your letter of the 21st to Mr. Wood regarding the large Jefferson Indian peace medal has been referred to me for reply. We are without an example of this medal, and Mr. Wood asks me to say that if it has been offered you, and you are unable to secure funds for its purchase, we would appreciate your letting us know about it. This is the largest of the circular Presidential Indian peace medals, and while we have one of the Jefferson silver shells in the small size, we do not have this. May we not retain the photographs which you sent us, and may we not have a further word from you regarding this piece?

I am enclosing a carbon of a letter I am sending to Mr. Duffield. Mr. Frey and the members of our staff here would all appreciate it very much if you could see your way clear to aiding us in this fashion.

Yours respectfully,

Secretary.

January 24th, 1919.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

I have your letter of the 23rd, and am returning the photographs herewith. If you should ultimately be unable to secure the piece either for your collection or for us then I would appreciate your requesting a copy of the print for our use. You know we are preparing to publish our Indian Peace Medals, and I should like to refer to this piece and its ownership in that connection. I am selfish enough to hope that you may induce the owner to part with it, and not be able to raise funds to secure it for your collection, but you will understand the feeling.

Thank you for your willingness to review Mr. Frey's Dictionary. You will doubtless hear from Mr. Duffield within a short time. I am referring your postscript regarding your manuscript to Mr. Wood, who will write you in a day or so.

Yours very truly,

Secretary,

March 20th, 1918.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

Your letter of the 18th is at hand. Mr. Wood is serving his country as a furor these days, and we get an occasional glimpse only. I will find out about the Denver and San Francisco half dollars at the first opportunity.

Regarding the medal for the British and French Commissions, I think it is possible I may be able to secure a copy in bronze for the Mint Collection gratis. This question is to be taken up with the Chairman in a few days. If that is not possible then your "order" will come up with two or three others that have come in since the closing of the subscription. It is just possible, if an overstrict ruling is made, that you may be numbered among those too late. Let us hope for the best however.

I note that you say the change for the previous medal secured by you will come along shortly. We are losing no sleep over that part of it.

Yours respectfully,

Secretary.

April 10th, 1918.

Dr. T. L. Comparetti,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Dear Dr. Comparetti:-

Thank you for the photographs of the Jefferson Indian Peace Medal. I am putting it with the other material which is gradually being brought together, noting that it is present in the Mississippi Historical Society. Should anything further of this nature come to your attention, I should be very glad to have you let us know about it.

We were sorry that it was not possible for you to be present at the April meeting. Mr. Newell gave us a very interesting talk.

Yours very cordially,

Secretary.

March 12th, 1919.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

One of the things that slipped my mind after my return from Philadelphia was the sending to you of the index to the "Numismatische Zeitschrift". It is being mailed under separate cover. Will you please accept it with the compliments of Mr. Head and myself - we know of no other hands in which it will be more used.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
MINT OF THE UNITED STATES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

OFFICE OF
THE SUPERINTENDENT

March 20, 1919

Dear Mr. Noe: -

The Register of Ernie I bis XXXVIII of the Numismatische Zeitschrift arrived a day or two ago, and I wish to thank you very much for the really valuable volume. It will be of great help to me. Do not regret it if it results in frequent applications for loans of back numbers of that periodical. Not infrequently a good deed entails sad results upon the philanthropically inclined!

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
MINT OF THE UNITED STATES
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

April 26, 1919

My Dear Wood: -

Did I send you a subscription to the Joan of Arc medal by Mrs Hyatt? If not here it is.

Also the Peace medal of which I received a circular but cannot find it just now; include my subscription to that as well.

I have been so upset of late that I can hardly keep track of my work. To prevent any oversight in future, make us a permanent subscriber to any medals which the Society may issue in future, always of the bronze.

The subscriptions above mentioned are for the bronze specimens.

Hudson was in here today and recounted to me some of his sage and telling criticisms of the Peace medal. Incidentally expressed his regret at letting Heinmann and O'Neil off so softly that time the new silver coins were discussed at the Society's rooms. Hudson is nothing if not humorous when he aims to be serious.

So you, ~~and~~ Reilly, and Newell were over to attend the Oriental Society's meetings. I trust you enjoyed the meetings, but I have my duts.

Sincerely yours,

P. L. Comparette

P.S. It now looks like an operation for appendicitis. T.L.C.

April 28, 1919

Dr. T. L. Comparette
Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Doctor Comparette:

Your letter of the 26th to Mr. Wood, ordering a copy of the Joan of Arc Medal, and another of the Peace Medal in bronze, as soon as it is ready, has been received. Thank you very much.

I am sorry that your health is not improved, — I had hoped the spring weather might bring a change. Mr. Wood reports [illegible] a very delightful time in Philadelphia; he was sorry not to have seen you.

The battleships are in the river just at present and the streets are here now thronged with sailors but I suppose they will be gone in a few days.

It is possible that I may get to Philadelphia in May for the Meeting of the National Museums Association, and I shall hope to see you at that time if I do.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

July 1[illegible], 1[illegible].

Dr. [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible],
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. [illegible]:-

[illegible]

[illegible],

[illegible].

July 16, 1912.

Mr. T. L. Comparetta,
Mint of the United States,
[illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible]:-

[illegible]

Very [illegible],

[illegible].

COMPARETTE, T. L.
1920- 1921-

Mar. 1, 1920.

T. L. Comparette, Esq.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

Thank you very much for the cast of the Ontalentine stater added to Mr. Bennett's Collection, I am very glad indeed to have it. I had a cast of a poor specimen from these dies - a stater which occurred in the Carmine Find. It is not nearly so clear as this one, which I shall want to reproduce in describing the variety. I am inclined to hesitate about Mr. Bennett's larva idea - but I will be glad to discuss that with him when I have the pleasure of seeing him again. The cast arrived unbroken and I am very glad to have this addition to my collection of casts.

I am having the books for which you wrote sent you - excepting Evans' "Syracusan Medallions" which we have only in our set of the Chronicle. I am hesitant about sending any of this set out, because they are specially bound, and would be replaced with great difficulty if Uncle Sam should take much care of them as some of the sect of the mail entrusted to his care receives lately. I may be able to borrow an unbound copy for you - if so, I will send it later.

Mr. Wood tells me that the delay in responding to your letter is due to the Publication Committee's delay. Matters of this sort move slowly, but he is taking the matter up again and you should have some reply shortly. I am glad to learn that your work is progressing so splendidly - you are to be congratulated. Please say that I asked you to give my cordial greetings to Mr. Bennett when next you see him, and believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

April 21,1920

My Dear Wood:

Nobody in the engraving department knows when the dies of the Paul Jones medal were made, or who made them, or whether more than one set of dies have ever been made, Only one set of dies are now here - so they say, but that may or may not be the case. They have never kept any records of their work, and are hostile to anybody else trying to keep some sort of tab on the die production. And they have a good reason, a purely private and interested one, I think.

The dies are a reproduction of the Dupre medal, but made by some engraver who could supplement the mechanical work of the reproducing machine. I surmise that Paquet was the man who did it; but this is only a guess. For Morgan did not do it, and neither of the Barbers could have done it as well as it was done.

The medal can be had in silver, but not in gold.

Bronze copy sent under separate cover. So you are soon off for the other side. Lucky fellow. Best wishes for a good voyage.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Cornpanette

June 1st, 1920

Dr. T. L. Comparette
Curator, United States Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:

This will introduce to you Mr. Harry Cochrane who is in charge of the arrangements for the Centennial Half Dollar to commemorate the admission of the State of Maine to the Union. I am giving him this note of introduction to you in case he is referred by the Washington officials, with whom he is in touch, to the Philadelphia Mint.

Anything that you can do to save Mr. Cochrane time or aid him in getting into touch with the proper official at Philadelphia, will be warmly appreciated by me.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

[illegible]

Philadelphia, Penna.
June 7,1920.

My Dear Mr. Reilly:

Please tell me the facts about the gold coin of which the inclosed is a plaster cast. I have never seen anything of the sort.

Please inform your Librarian that I shall return borrowed books in a few days. The task of writing the Bement Catalogue is about finished. I hope to get the typed draft off today, but it has to be scrubbed up some. Could I secure the loan of the Imhoof-Blumer and the Reinach works I inquired about some time since for a few days, less than a week?

I have been trying to find a quotation on Imhoof-Blumers Choix de Monnaies grecques etc. with view to making requisition for its purchase, but can find nothing to guide me. Should you folks have a catalogue, old or new, with that quoted, I wish you would kindly jot down the price for me.

Thanking you in advance for all these courtesies I am, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,
T. L. Comparette

P.S.
You missed a fully trip with our little society over here the other day. C.

June 10th, 1920

T. L. Comparette, Esq.
U.S.Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:

Mr. Reilly turned your letter of June 7th over to me for reply in the portion relating to books.

Under separate cover, we are sending you Reinaud's "Recueil" in four volumes, and the two volumes of Imhoof-Blumer's "Klein Asiatische Münzen". The library does not own a set. We shall be very glad to have you keep these for a week or so.

With respect to your request for a quotation on Imhoof-Blumer's "Choix de Monnaies Grecques", I wonder if this is what you really want. It consists of nine plates only and no text. That I believe you desire is rather his "Monnaies Grecques", published in 1883. The quotation we have is fifty marks, and one of Quaritch's quotations is Two Pounds eight shillings. The quotation on the "Choix" is twelve marks in another entry. He, also, published an entirely separate volume "Griechische Münzen", on which the quotation is One Pound four shillings.

I am glad to hear that you have about finished the Recent Catalogue. I am looking forward to seeing a copy. Please give my cordial regards to Dr. Ernest when you see him. Does he go away for the summer? And, if so, when? I hope to get over to Philadelphia one of these days, and if so, I should want to see him possibly.

Very respectfully yours,

[illegible]

Secretary

June 18th, 1920.

Dr. T. L. Comparetto,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparetto:-

May I trouble you to look up and see whether payment was made by you for the bronze Prince of Wales medal ordered by you on or about November 21st, 1919. We have no record of it, and I am trying to clear up these matters at the present time. I am sorry to trouble you but the changes in our stenographers in the past few months have left our records in not the best of shape.

If you have finished with Du Chastel's "Syracuse" may I ask that you kindly return it. One of our other members is waiting for it.

Regretting that I am under the necessity of inconveniencing you about the matter, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

June 19, 1920.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
Secretary Amer. Numis. Society,
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Noe:

Thank you for calling my attention to the account in re the Prince of Wales Medal. The bill has never been paid. It was a surprize to me, and on reading your letter I said to myself that it had been paid. But on investigation I have found out that it has not, else there is some error in our records.

Requisition has been made to have the bill paid.

Copy of the Du Chastel is on the way, or will be before this letter is on the way.

Thank you for the loan of the books sent the other day, and also please thank Mr. Newell for me. They will be back in your possession in a day or so. They would be sent off today, but I am not in very fine feather, not in physical inclination to pack up today what can be packed next Monday.

Among a number of wax impressions sent Mr. Bement by Hirsch the other day is a Metapontum, with bust of Leucippos. You doubtless have specimens as good or better, but I have no use [illegible] I made from Hirsch's wax impression, so am sending it to you. If you do not wish it, it will adorn your waste-basket as well as mine.

Sincerely yours,

[illegible]

P.S. [illegible]

June 21st, 1930.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

Thank you for your letter of the 19th and for the Louisiana coat which you enclosed.

I note you are returning the books, and I will, as you request, convey your thanks to Mr. Howell. I am sorry you are not feeling at your best, but hope that it is a temporary condition only.

I am enclosing the bill for the Prince of Wales medal as you request.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

Philadelphia, Penna.
August 19,1920.

My Dear Newell:

Your good letter came the other day and now the MS. is safely at hand. I wish to thank you most cordially for the trouble you have taken to read the MS. and especially to write out your criticisms and suggestions; and I am aware that it took some pains to write that letter in such weather as we have been having.

Your points are all well taken. The only thing that bothers me is the apprehension that you have overlooked some bad things, or have been too polite to mention them. I have looked over your article on the alleged Egyptian coinage and now see clearly the soundness of your contention; and shall correct the MS. accordingly. Evidently I had not read the paper as carefully as I should have done.

In using the terms AR.pl. for plated silver coin it seemed to me to be less technical than fourree. But your suggestion will receive carefull attention.

I fully agree with what you say about advertising Chapman, and the same applies to Spink, et al. I thoroughly dislike it, and had from the first decided to kill a number of the instances. It will please me immensely to have the Society's help in tracing as many as possible to tk some bona fide collection, and thus eliminate the salesman. Spinks have told me that if Sonnet would send them the bills of coins purchased from them they would then furnish him with the provenance of the coins. But I do not suppose that the bills are available. In the case of coins purchased from Chapman I have found that the statements of provenance are not reliable. He has in many cases told the old gentlemen that they came from some noted collection, but on comparing with the illustrations in the catalogues of the collections I find that he was wrong. To doubt the allegation helped him to make many a sale.

What Sonnet will say to the elimination of the Chapman source I do not know. His attitude toward that fellow is very strange. At one time he severely condemns his profiteering on him, swears to reduce purchases from him or even to stop altogether, then the first thing I know he has bought ten or three thousand dollars worth from him! Sometimes he seems to me to have a tender spot in his heart for whiskers, and to

be anxious to further the fellow's prosperity in every way he can. It is a strange case, and the conclusion I have reached in the matter would cause you no end of amusement and considerable amazement. But to make myself clear would require more ~~wrtxnixg~~ writing than I now have time to do, so it will have to wait a little chat.

Just now I am being held up a by a series of difficulties and am getting nothing done on the catalogue, except an occasional touch. My matron has retired from the service and no successor has yet been appointed, my Assistant is ill, so I am alone here; then the photographer has had a sample plate of coins for over two weeks and says that he can do nothing at making a photograph because of the humid atmosphere as well as the continued cloudiness. I have placed numbers on the card and I wish to see how they will phtograph before I make up any others. I printed the numbers in silver on black paper, cut them out and pasted them on.

We must get all the monograms possible out of this job, so I shall try my hand at drawing them and have them produced. I surmise that it would be best to draw them double size, then reduced them in photographing. That gives the artist (that's me!) more room and besides the reduction yields a better engraving.

I am in favor of having the publication appear ~~xx xxx~~ under the auspices of the American Society. And I should be glad to have Wood's trained and practiced hand to help put it through the press. Of course if Mr. Bement foots the bills, which he will have to do, some way of recognizing that fact should be hit upon. One way might be to credit him with a contribution of the amount required for the Catalogue to the Society's publication funds in your annual Report. Just how he will feel about it I do not know. But, sub rosa, whatever way will be most to his credit, even to the point of a little ostentation, that is the way to do it. There is no doubt in my mind on that point. It is a harmless quality, but it is a mighty fine thing to know it when a man possesses it.

Just as soon as possible I shall complete the task and forward the whole thing to the Society.

I wish that you would ruminate on a proper title for the work. A CATALOGUE RAISONNE etc. seems a little to strong to my mind. I shall not sigh it in the title, only shall initial the Introduction. That I shall re-write and try to improve.

Again thanking you for reading the MS. and making th suggestions, I am, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

T. L. Comparette

Mr. Rush:

Please send Bronze Peace Medals #249 & 300 in safe by first class, Registered, Mail to T. L. Comparette, U. S. Mint, & Mrs Rush can [illegible] notation in pencil in medal book.

M. A. R.

Mr. Howland Wood,

615 West 132nd Street,

Phone Audubon 2240. New York.

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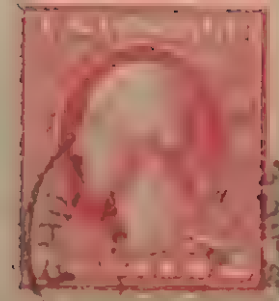

Mr. Edward T. Newell,
Huntington,
Long I land,
N.Y.

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Philadelphia, Penna.
September 17, 1910.

Mr. John Reilly Jr.,
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Reilly:

I really thought that I had sent you my check for this account and was somewhat surprised when my attention was called to it by a note from Wood just received. I had to run through my stubbs to convince myself, though I entertained little doubt on the point.

Moral: pay at once and then one will not forget.

Sincerely yours,

P. L. Comparette

Enclosure, Check for $20.00.

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Dr. [illegible]
[illegible] of United States
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. [illegible]:

[illegible] you wrote me that you were expecting to [illegible] Dr. [illegible] on the [illegible] engravers. [illegible] not [illegible] as yet, but [illegible] the possibility of its being [illegible] in the [illegible] I [illegible] you this brief [illegible].

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[illegible]

Philadelphia, Penna.
November 15, 1920.

My Dear Newell:

Within the last few weeks Mr. Bement seems to have had several attacks of heart trouble, angina pectoris I believe. He has been having trouble the past week and apparently it was rather severe. Now one of these days he will have his last attack of the kind.

This probability has suggested to me that it might be well for us to hurry up the work in which we have him interested. For should he pass away before being committed to the project in a way that could not be retraced I am not so sure what those to whom the affairs of his estate would fall might do in the matter.

I do not mean to hurry the work you people are doing on the MS., for of all things in the world I most dislike to be hurried work of the sort and so I am not in the least inclined to try urging anybody else. It is only important that we do not by any oversight allow ~~any~~ the matter to be delayed.

Please tell Noe that his note in re ~~the~~ Forrer's little volume on artists' signatures causes me some astonishment. I thought I had returned it. Certainly I recall wrapping it up for mailing. Please have him make sure that it has not been delivered there. It may be lurking round here; I shall make careful search this afternoon. A cursory look has not discovered it. So far I have failed to secure a copy for this library; and now if I must hunt up one to replace yours, in case it has gone astray in the mail, I shall surely have a good time hunting. Meanwhile I hold myself entirely responsible for the book and shall make good, in case of loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. L. Comparette

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Dr. T. L. Comparetto
United States Mint
[illegible], Pa.

Dear Dr. [illegible]:

[illegible] of your [illegible] to the [illegible]. It has not been received [illegible] as I can [illegible]; I know that you will [illegible] it has [illegible] [illegible].

Very truly yours,

Secretary

[illegible]

November 24th, 1920

Dr. [illegible] Comparette
Mint of United States
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:

The book by Forrer has been received. Thank you very much.

Have you finished with Washington's Sale Catalogue and Imhoof's Kleinasiatische Munzen? So many packages are going astray in the mail these days that I am taking the liberty of calling your attention to these volumes, especially as you did not mention them in your card of November 18th. There is no immediate haste about returning them if you are not using them.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

[illegible]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
MINT OF THE UNITED STATES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

November 26, 1920

My Dear Mr. Noe:

Your letter, just at hand, disturbs me not a little. Waddington and Imhoof were returned within about ten days after received. You stated in your letter at the time that they could could go out for about a week. I found but little use for them and returned them as promptly as I could. Just now I cannot recall whether I returned them by mail or express. Can you give me the date when they were sent me? If I returned them by express, I may be able to hunt down the date of return.

Are you sure that they are not there somewhere? I recall that you stated the books belonged to Newell. Is it possible that he has them?

Sincerely yours,

F. L. Comparetti

November 27th, 1920

Dr. T. L. Comparette
Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:

Your letter to Mr. Newell and the one to me arrived this morning.

On a second search, Mr. Newell found that the books had reached him during the summer - evidently without my knowledge. Possibly you addressed them to him and they must have been delivered and opened by him, and replaced without my knowing it. Before writing you, I had asked him whether they had been received and he said that they had not. He must have forgotten having put them away.

I am very sorry indeed to have caused you this inconvenience about them, because I know how you would feel over the prospect of their being lost. I hope I shall be able to prevent such a mistake happening again.

Please give my regards to Mr. Bement if you see him; I hope he is better. With warm greetings to yourself, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

M/E

Philadelphia, Penna.
December 18,1920.

My dear Wood:

Have you people any more specimens of the medals [illegible] of the P.L. [illegible] of Versailles? If you have and they are for sale I think I can dispose of one of each for you.

The inquirer is a woman, and while she seems very persistent, yet of course you know that a sale is a thing of hope which is not assured until you have received and spent the money.

Occasionally there are inquiries for these medals here. Should you have a few, it might be well to send one or more to me to be held on consignment. As fast as sold the proceeds will be remitted to you.

And in view of the present inquiry, if you have any of these two medals, you might send me one of each. If the customer takes them I will remit. If she does not I will return the medals or retain them for a future possible customer.

I understand that you generally aim to strike only as many medals as you have subscriptions for, but there is always a possibility of some being left on your hands.

This may be the last communication with you before Xmas, so I will wish you and your good wife and the [illegible], a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

T. L. Comparette

Peace #29942

December 22nd, 1920.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

Your letter to Dr. Wood has been referred to me for answer. Under separate cover I am sending you by registered mail two Peace medals for the uses you mention in your letter. If the individual who thinks she wants one of these accepts it, you can hold the other on memorandum until such time as another inquiry arises, returning either or both should the prospective customer return the one she wants after a reasonable interval.

Your understanding with regard to the number of medals we strike is correct. We customarily limit the subscription to a certain time, declining to receive orders after that date has elapsed. This procedure was the one followed with the medal commemorating our entry into the war, and I therefore can not send you one of these medals.

The same condition however, did not maintain with the Treaty of Versailles medal, and as many copies as you may want can be sent you from time to time.

Thanking you for your co-operation in disposing of these pieces, and with cordial wishes for a cheerful Christmas and a bright New Year, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

December 27,1920.

My Dear Mr. Noe:

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[illegible] in the past, as there have been a number of [illegible]

[illegible] a sale of the kind is [illegible].

Sincerely yours,

F. L. Campbell

January 20. 1921

Dr. T. L. Comparette
Mint of United States
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:

Through an inadvertence, the galley proofs of your catalogue of Mr. Bement's Collection got away without my having seen more than two of the galleys. As I recall them, I found so little on these first galleys that there would hardly seem much advantage in having you send them the balance of the first consignment after you had yourself read the proof.

We have, however, just received the proof [illegible] going to try to trace the provenance of some of these pieces from our card catalogue. It might, therefore, be worth while, if this first [illegible] it here before it does go for the insertion of anything which we may find. If it has already been sent, it is very improbable that any slips we might notice could not be taken care of in the second proof.

Regretting the necessity of having put you to this trouble, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

S.M./E

January 26th, 1921

Dr. T. L. Comparette
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:

The first seven galleys of your proof have arrived and, as I suspected, there is precious little in the way of correction for me to note. The arrows indicating the die positions will, of course, be altered by the printer in the second proof; and I note a number of the inscrip- [illegible] of Rhousopoulos needs correction.

With a great deal of hesitancy I am calling your attention to No.44 - the Terina stater. Are you certain that this reverse die is the same as the one illustrated by Evans in Numismatic Chronicle, 1912, Pl.V? The reverse in your plate seems to me to leave some question of this. Evans' reads only EYA, and I believe he does not [illegible] claim that the inscription was of greater length than these [illegible] the NET, as your description would suggest, then it is a specimen of supreme importance; but unless this reading is unmistakeably apparent, do you not feel that your description would be open to attack?

Please note that the reverse dies (Pl.IV, 19 and 20) [illegible]

I am, also, [illegible] hope to finish up the first batch of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Philadelphia, Penna.
March 1, 1921.

My Dear Wood:

Galley sheet No. 14 of the Bement catalogue is still with you folks, perhaps in Mr. Newell's hands. Just now the work is being held up a little waiting any corrections there may be on that sheet. Perhaps Mr. Newell has not had time to run over it, possibly it has been forgot in the confusion of the great things you people h have been doing the past week or ten days.

Without meaning to say: Hurry up, yet if you see a chance to expedite the dispatch of the sheet it would be well.

I have had circulars printed which we purpose sending out to the libraries, museums, art galleries etc. etc. announcing the publication and sale of the epoch-making work. And an unfortunate omission has been made in the circular, that may be viewed with disfavor by the American Society and arouse your profound disapproval. By some mischance, the sort that I seem to be in the way of making these very busy days, the name of the American Society as publisher of the Cat. was omitted from the circular. It was a quite unintentional omission. The address of the Society is given as one source of purchase, Bement's being another, but it is not made clear that it is an American Society publication. Of course the circular is a quite ephemeral thing and will be thrown away at once in by far [illegible] Society [illegible] [illegible]tion.

Have you folks a rubber stamp with some such legend as PUBLISHED BY AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY? I have no copy of the circular at hand, but have seen it. There is room, in a good place, for such a stamp, and I should be glad to impress them with it. Perhaps, however, you will take the view that it is not an important matter and not worth that trouble.--It will be interesting to see, by the way this work sells, whether I or the polite Mr. Frosky is

[illegible]

[illegible] morning I have met a really big collector [illegible] activities were quite unknown to me. It amused me [illegible] say that "I bought some coins of [illegible] sev- [illegible] ago, but never went back to him again. I found [illegible] impudent and unpleasant for me." Wherein, like [illegible] himself, the old gentleman missed the main point. [illegible]

Sincerely yours,

P. L. Comparetti

March 1st, 1921

Dr. [illegible] Comparette
United States Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:

I am sending the page proof for Mr. [illegible]'s catalogue. I presume that [illegible] is sending it to us in error as you will take care of the checking up of the [illegible].

I am [illegible] sending it of the first proof until Mr. [illegible] can check on several of the [illegible], but I hope to send that to you not later than tomorrow.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

[illegible]/E
Enc.

March 3rd, 1921

Dr. T. L. Comparetto
United States Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparetto:

Your copies of [illegible] have [illegible], and you will have been received by Dexter [illegible] Dailey 14 of Dr. Lemuel's Catalogues.

[illegible] - will you send us a copy? I [illegible] [illegible] question. [illegible] is just a rather [illegible] [illegible] objection to the [illegible] saying [illegible]. However, the [illegible] will not be in my name alone, but it may be [illegible] after we see one of the circulars. A [illegible] would be sufficient if that is all you have.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

P.S. I find that we have received but 2 plates, and that we have not the [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible]. Unfortunately, we have been unable to obtain the [illegible] as we have the others. I be anything in Mr. Boyle for these plates and if we can get them in time, we may be able to give you some additional information about the plates which you have not issued.

S.C.S.

Philadelphia, Penna.
March 4, 1921.

Mr. Sydney L. Noe,
Secretary American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Noe:-

Here is a copy of the offending circular, more offensive to myself without doubt than it should be to the American Society. For it discloses an unintentional omission of something I had thought of before writing the copy but forgot when engaged upon it.

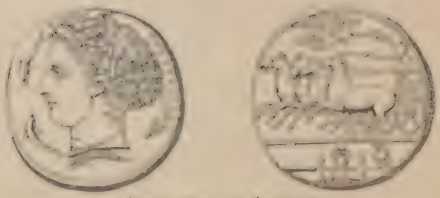
The whole matter of this circular should be viewed broadly as a private enterprize, undertaken by the individual to dispose of books he has received from his publisher. It is not an official action taken by the Society. My own feeling in the matter is rather due to a spirit of coöperation than to any consciousness of even unintentional unfairness.

The 1,000 copies of the circular had been struck off before I discovered the error and now they have been delivered, more's the pity.

[illegible],

R. L. Campbell

P.S. – Galley sheets arrived. I had made extensive corrections, [illegible] No. 14, and rewritten much of it. C.



DEKADRACHM OF SYRACUSE
Issued for the Assinarian Games

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Dr. [illegible]
United States Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. [illegible]:

I [illegible] that the circular which you [illegible] is as [illegible] as you [illegible]. The [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] any explanation of our [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I feel sure that no criticism will be made of the [illegible] of our [illegible], and I believe that you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I hope the publication will be successfully [illegible]; I am sure you will receive a great many complimentary [illegible] it.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

[illegible]/[illegible]

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

April [illegible], 19[illegible]1.

My Dear [illegible]:

I have made sure about it that the Red Cross Medal has not been delivered to the Mint. I made requisition for it some time since and the Stereroom has frequently asked if it had been delivered so the bill could be paid. It is certain, therefore, that it has not been delivered there and mislaid.

Whenever the silver Dollars become available I shall forward [illegible] to you.

Sincerely yours,

P. L. Comparette

#212

Philadelphia, Penna.
May 17, 1911.

My dear Ned:

Inclosed find a check for five dollars ($5.00), proceeds of sale of one of the Versailles peace medals.

This is the last of the two sent me. You folks kept a memorandum of these medals I sent you on receipt of them. Please do not forget to destroy or return that document. It might possibly turn up under a regime that remembered not the facts.

Sincerely yours,

D. L. Campbell

May 18th, 1921.

Dear Comrades:-

Your letter of the 17th with cheque for five dollars at hand. This pays for the balance due on the two bronze Treaty of Peace Medals envelopes December 23rd, 1920, Nos. 299 and 300, the first five dollars being paid on February 24th, 1921.

Yours very truly,

June 9th, 1921.

Dear Comparetto:-

I think on the whole it would be best for you not to depend any more on Mr. Newell for looking over the proofs as he is now in the country, seldom gets up here, and his eyes have gone back on him so that he is doing as little reading as possible. As a matter of fact nearly all of the proof has been gone over by him. Do you want me to send what proof is hanging here ?

Very truly,

[illegible] 17th, 1901.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

We have received orders for five or more copies of the Present Catalogue. Do you want us to charge postage additional, or is this figured in the price you charge?

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Philadelphia, Penna.
October 18, 1921

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Noe:-

While the sale of the Catalogue is in the hands of Mr. Bement and it is for him or his representatives to settle details, yet inasmuch as nothing was said in the circular about postage, there seems to be no other course left but to include that in the advertised price of $3.75. The postage should have been extra, but to add it now might in some few cases cause dissatisfaction.

Sincerely yours,

P. L. Comparette

November 29th, 1921

Dr. T. L. Comparette
United States Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:

I am sending you the Quasi Price List, together with some application cards. We would certainly appreciate it if you would extend an invitation to join our Society to any people with whom you come in contact and might consider the supposition favorably.

I talked with Dr. Wood about the article on International Uniques, and we both feel that in your hands this can be made a very interesting article. It would, of course, have to be presented to our Publication Committee when you have finished with it, but I am sure that what we shall have to present will be a very finished and very interesting essay.

I am writing to the people whose names you gave me as possible members, and I hope that we shall have the pleasure of enrolling them at our next Council meeting.

It was a very profitable morning that I spent with you, and I hope that you will not forget your word about visiting us soon.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

[illegible]
Enc.

December 7th, 1921

Dr. T. A. Commarette
United States Dist
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Commarette:

Of the names you gave me, Dr. Stary has accepted the invitation to become an Associate of this Society. Mr. W. A. Porterfield and Mr. Alvan C. Fuller have declined.

I have not succeeded in obtaining the address of Dr. Waite of Scheme, Ill. Could you look this up and let me have it at your convenience?

Very truly yours,

Secretary

[illegible]

Philadelphia, Penna.
December 12,1921

[illegible]:

I am unable to find the full name of Mr. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible]. Somehow I failed to insert it in my card catalogue of names of interested persons. Should I run across it I will communicate it.

In the case of Dr. [illegible] A[illegible]. [illegible] Jr., Trinity Rectory, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., on your list? Rather extensive collector and a charming gentleman. Probably a member. Also, John [illegible]. Miller, Sec'y and General Manager Mutual Telephone Co., Erie, Pa., collector of [illegible] coins? I have never met him, but have had correspondence with him.

Received the [illegible] price list, but have been [illegible] home, in [illegible], on brief vacation and [illegible] to copy prices, which I will do promptly and return list.

Sincerely yours,

[illegible]

December 14th, 1921

Mr. J. L. Comparette
United States Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Comparette:

Thank you for your letter. Yes, Dr. Ower is a member. I am writing to Mr. John Z. Miller as you suggest.

I note you will let me have Mr. White's initials when you find them.

There is no hurry about returning the Ponzi prize list.

I hope you had a good time at your home.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

HEE/:

December 20th, 19[illegible]

Dr. [illegible]
[illegible]
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. [illegible]:

Thank you for [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]. [illegible]

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

[illegible]

Philadelphia, Penna.
April 7, 1922.

My Dear Mr. Noe:

I wish you would reserve a copy of the Choate medal for me. Just now I have no funds at my command, except private and that is always small, but if you will reserve it shall find some way of taking it off your hands sooner or later.

By the way I did not secure a specimen of the Foch medal, and for the same reason as above stated - had no money. I trust that in case and as I hope we have some money available a little later, you will be able to dig up a specimen for me.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Comfort

April 11th, 1922.

Dr. T. L. Comparetto,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparetto:-

Your letter of the 9th M [illegible], and I have entered your order for one bronze copy of the Grande medal. I am enclosing a memorandum to cover, which you can pay at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

April 13th, 1922.

Dr. T. L. Comparetto,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparetto:-

I have just located a bronze Koch medal which has been returned. Do you want me to send it to you, or would you prefer that I hold it here for you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Philadelphia, Penna.
April 17, 1922.

My Dear Mr. Noe:

Thank you for the communication of the 13th inst., wherein you state that you have located a Rich medal. Please hold it for me. I am in hopes the time will not be long till funds will be available to pay for it and the Choate medal as well.

The Choate medal is so fine that it should have a wide sale - on its merits.

Sincerely yours,
F. L. Campbell
Curator N. C.
For Superintendent.

Mr Sydney P. Noe,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Philadelphia, Penna.
June 14, 1922.

My Dear Mr. Noe:

Replicas of the Verdun medal are being made here and are obtainable by the public. Would the Society care for a pair of sides? The pair cost $3.00 each; joined in a single solid medal, soldered I suppose, $7.00.

Has Wood gone to the hospital yet? He wrote me he expected to undergo an operation soon.

Sincerely yours,

P. L. Campanella

June 15th, 1922.

Dr. T. L. Comparette,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Comparette:-

Thank you for your letter of the 14th. Yes, please send us a pair of sides of the Verdun medal at three dollars each. Do you require payment in advance?

Mr. Wood's operation took place on Monday last and disclosed conditions that were less alarming than had been anticipated. His appendix and gall bladder were removed, and he is apparently making a steady recovery.

Will you, at some convenient season, give me an idea of what progress has been made with the article you talked to me about when I was last in Philadelphia - an article on Federal Coinages. I merely want to get an idea of when it will be coming into our hands for publication so that we shall not have a half dozen come together after a long interval during which we have received none at all.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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